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**Making a point**  
 A masked Palestinian shoots in the air at a demonstration outside Red Cross headquarters in Hebron on Friday, demanding the release of Palestinian prisoners held by Israel. (Reuters)

## Senior official charges: US 'misreading' Jerusalem expansion plans

**By JAY BUSHINSKY, HILLEL KUTTNER, and news agencies**

The Clinton administration is "misreading reports in the news media" about Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's support for an expansion of Jerusalem's municipal services, a senior government official said yesterday.

The expansion is to include communities to the west of the capital, including Givat Ze'ev, and Ma'aleh Adumim to the east.

The cabinet plans to discuss the measure at its weekly meeting today and will probably approve it, said David Bar-Ilan, the prime minister's communications adviser. Netanyahu is determined to bring up the plan at the meeting, despite US objections, Channel 1 reported last night.

According to the senior official, the purpose of the plan is merely to create an "umbrella municipality," not to enlarge Jerusalem's urban boundaries or annex additional areas.

This reaction came after expressions of displeasure and concern emanating from the US State Department about Netanyahu's intentions. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright spoke Friday with both Netanyahu and process.

In his daily briefing, State Department spokesman James Rubin criticized Israel's position as "extremely provocative," "unfathomable," and "the ticket to further instability." It also complicates Washington's effort to conclude an Israeli-Palestinian agreement and initiate final-status negotiations, he said.

"Jerusalem is an extremely sensitive and emotional issue for Israelis, Palestinians, and Arabs alike. The unilateral action that this implies only undermines any sense of trust and confidence between the parties that is so essential to creating an environment for serious negotiations. They also create the impression that Israel has determined the status of key permanent-status issues before these negotiations have begun."

Army Radio said Albright told Netanyahu any attempt to expand Jerusalem would kill the peace process.

**Albright reassures Arafat about pullback, Page 2**

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, raising her concerns with Netanyahu over Jerusalem, and with Arafat over the PLO's attempt to upgrade its status at the UN. She called the latter effort an "unproductive act," according to a participant.

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## Swiss banks' offer of \$600m. rejected as 'humiliating'

**By MARILYN HENRY and news agencies**

NEW YORK — Amid accusations of violating a confidentiality agreement, survivors' lawyers and wish organizations on Friday rejected as "humiliating" an offer of \$600 million by three Swiss commercial banks to settle Holocaust-era claims.

"By all legitimate criteria, this is a fair offer," Credit Suisse, Swiss Bank Corporation, and Union Bank said in a statement. "The banks view this offer to be at the upper limit of what can be justified, based on the facts and circumstances."

The banks added they "would not entertain unfounded and excessive demands for payments above this amount."

In Jerusalem, Jewish Agency head Avraham Burg, who also is the co-chairman of the World Jewish Restitution Organization, said the bank's offer is "very humiliating."

"Our people were killed because we were perceived and accused of being the rich man of Europe," he said. "We will be robbed as rich people and paid as poor beggars."

The offer was attacked by Gizella Weisshaus of Brooklyn, who in October 1996, filed the first suit against the banks.

"We are pained by the monetization of a moral issue," WJC Secretary General Israel Singer said Friday. "This has been done in a shabby manner and hopefully this is a dip in an otherwise constructive discussion that may continue positively."

However, a banking source retorted, it was Edgar Bronfman, president of the WJC, who called for a \$3 billion settlement in the New York newspaper *The Forward* two weeks ago.

Eldred Tabachnick, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, called the banks' announcement "a step in the right direction."

"Whilst this is a sizable sum, representing a sizable admission of guilt, it is clearly up to the claimants themselves and their representatives, including the World Jewish Congress, to decide whether it is sufficient to constitute a full global settlement," he said.

The deadline for a settlement had been linked to a threat of sanctions from American city and state finance officials, led by New York City Comptroller Alan Hevesi.

Negotiations among the banks, survivors' lawyers, and the WJC, which had been scheduled for this week, had already been at an impasse, Jewish sources said last week, because the banks' offer was unacceptably low.

The talks, mediated by US Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat, were bound by a confidentiality agreement, but there have been extensive leaks and rumors. Banking sources said Friday that the banks decided to announce the offer, because published reports had indicated that a settlement could reach \$1.6 billion, while Bronfman mentioned \$3 billion.

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## Sources: Jerusalem status behind Arafat-Husseini rift

**By JAY BUSHINSKY**

An open rift between Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and his chief representative in Jerusalem, Faisal Husseini, seems from divergent views about the city's future status and not only from a dispute over allegedly missing funds, sources said yesterday.

Arafat's proposal that Husseini become the PA's minister in charge of Waqfs was linked to the Palestinian leader's wish to replace him with "someone who will go along with the formula worked out by Mahmoud Abbas and MK Yossi Berlin (Labor) designating Jerusalem's outlying Abu Dis district as the PA's capital."

Husseini dismissed this account as totally inaccurate. "People are talking about something they know nothing about," he said.

Asked about the proposal that he be in charge of the Waqfs, he said, "I don't believe it is on the agenda."

The tension between Arafat and Husseini was said to have exploded at the last PA cabinet meeting. Husseini was quoted as having said, "If you ask me where are the \$5 million that allegedly are missing, why don't you ask your aides where are the millions of dollars they have been stealing every day?"

At that point, Arafat reportedly ordered Husseini to leave, but Husseini refused saying, "This isn't your house. It's a Palestinian house."

Husseini said he would not comment on cabinet proceedings.

This confrontation evidently occurred in an atmosphere of intense internal rivalry and jockeying for position among PA figures.

They were said to have reached the point at which Arafat will be unable to carry out the ministerial shuffle, he is believed to have in mind.

For example, a sharp warning was said to have come from Cairo that if Planning Minister Nabil Shaath is dismissed, Arafat no longer will be welcome in Egypt, a Palestinian political observer said.

Husseini rejected the idea of Abu Dis serving as the PA's capital, contending that this would undermine the very basis of the peace process.

"The whole process is built on UN Security Council Resolution 242, which means Israel's return to the 1967 borders," he said. "Any changes would mean opening the process from the beginning. Anyone in Israel who tells me he or she has rights in Judea and Samaria would simply prompt me to say we lay claim to territory inside Israel."

Asked to comment about the fact that Jordan held part of Jerusalem from 1949 to 1967 and did not designate it as the Palestinian capital, Husseini said the city was held in custodial status pending a solution to the Palestinian problem.

In a parallel development, the PA's American and European benefactors were said to be demanding the dismissal of Mohamad Rashid from his senior economic post for "acting as if he were running a private business," a source said.

"The Europeans warned that if the PA did not clean up its house they won't give it any more money," a source said.

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## NEWS

in brief

### Panel to expedite territories' radio tender

A special ministerial panel – composed of Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, Communications Minister Limor Livnat and Education Minister Yitzhak Levy – will conclude the arrangements for a tender for the establishment of a regional radio station in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, it was decided in a meeting in the Prime Minister's Office on Friday. The meeting was called to discuss the Arutz 7 problem. *Itim*

### Syrian linked to Achille Lauro killed in Madrid

A Syrian businessman who had testified in the Achille Lauro hijacking case was gunned down in Madrid last night. Police suspect Mustafa Nasinni, 49, who had served prison time in Spain for drug trafficking, was killed in a settling of accounts, said police spokeswoman Maria Gomez. He was shot in the head at his home, she said.

Nasinni testified in 1995 against Syrian arms dealer Monzer Kassir, charged with arming the hijackers of the Achille Lauro in 1985. Kassir was acquitted.

Months after Nasinni testified, two of his teenage sons were abducted and freed 48 hours later in a police operation. *AP*

### Synagogue plundered in Romania

Thieves plundered a synagogue in northwest Romania, smashing benches and window panes and stealing 14 candelabras of great sentimental value to the small Jewish community, according to a report yesterday. Teodor Koppleman, former head of the Jewish community in Oradea, 280 miles northwest of Bucharest, said the burglary was discovered Friday, the Mediafax news agency reported. Police are investigating. *AP*

### Doctor participates in Malaysian conference

Malaysia permitted Prof. Yosef Shenkar, the head of the gynecology and obstetrics department at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, to enter the country for a conference about fertility treatment last week.

The authorities in the Islamic nation finally agreed to let Shenkar in by issuing special papers which were sent to Jerusalem via the Malaysian Embassy in Amman. Israeli passport holders are not permitted into Malaysia.

Shenkar also met in Kuala Lumpur with the Malaysian health minister, and showed a film about Israel in which President Ezer Weizman spoke. *Itim*

### Israel, EU cooperate on new David satellite

Israel and the European Union are cooperating in developing a new satellite designed to monitor the environment and agricultural production. The satellite, called David, is to include both European and Israeli components. The European Commission has already pledged \$2.5 million for the project, about half the estimated development costs. The Israel Space Agency has supplied funding and the German Space Agency is expected to follow suit.

Project organizers said the David is expected to be capable of providing earth images of high spatial and spectral resolutions. It is expected to weigh 180 kilograms and to be used for scientific research, vegetation, environmental monitoring, and mapping. The prime users of the system are to be international scientific bodies and governments.

The satellite's development is led by a consortium of El-Op Electro-Optics Industries and two German companies – OHB System of Bremen and HAF GmbH of Munich. *Steve Rodan*

### Air gun pellet removed from youth's head

A 17-year-old from Kisra in western Galilee went to Nahariya Hospital at the weekend, complaining that he had been suffering from severe headaches for a week. Upon examination, it was discovered that he had a pellet from an air gun in his head. The police were informed, but the youth refused to answer questions about what had happened. *Itim*

### Two killed on roads

A man was killed and six others injured – two moderately and four lightly – in a three-car collision near the Negev Brigade Memorial at the entrance to Beersheba yesterday. In Kiryat Shmona, a pedestrian was killed when he was struck by a tour bus while crossing the main street. *Itim*

# Milo seeks Shahak on his list

Tel Aviv mayor claims Meridor ready to join

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo said yesterday that if he is elected prime minister, he would appoint outgoing Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak as defense minister, providing the latter joins his list.

Sources from both Likud and Labor said yesterday that on his release from the IDF next month, Shahak will receive two offers – from Labor leader Ehud Barak and from Milo – to be their No. 2 and candidate for defense minister.

Milo, who was interviewed on Channel 2's *Meet the Press*, said that Likud MK Dan Meridor would join his list and several senior Labor and Likud MKs have already agreed to join his list.

"I believe Meridor will be on my list," Milo said. "He hasn't yet made the move, but he has announced in public that he has no confidence in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. We've sat and talked about our plans, and we agreed it was pointless to form yet another centrist party."

Milo stressed he was "not obsessive about being No. 1. If Meridor or Shahak will have

better chances of winning, they can take the lead."

Asked if he has already spoken to Shahak about this, Milo said, "He's still in uniform, and I won't involve him in political business as long as he is. But I want people like him. I hope very much he will join me and be my defense minister."

Milo expressed confidence in getting enough votes to reach the second round in elections for prime minister.

"Already I get 20% in the polls, compared to Barak's 30%. So I only need 6%–7% more from Barak's supporters to make it to the second round. And I will be elected prime minister," he said.

Milo said he was in favor of a Palestinian state, which he said will be established whether he wants it or not, and supports a 13% pullback now.

He said he objects to a referendum over the pullout, which he sees as a trick on Netanyahu's part to play for more time, since it's obvious a large majority supports the pullout.

He said he insists on freedom from religious coercion and will oppose giving in to

small, extremist haredi groups "who dictate our lifestyle but don't respect our national anthem, call our flag a rag and don't stand in memory of fallen IDF soldiers. I won't have them getting everything and doing nothing, while those who should receive funds in stunts and development towns go without."

Milo said each person should be free to choose his own lifestyle. "I don't interfere in how they live and what they eat in Bnei Brak and Mea She'arim, and I won't have them interfere in what anyone else eats or how they live," he said.

Meanwhile, Channel 1 reported last night that Shahak had actually written Netanyahu two letters regarding last week's cabinet flap.

In the letters, Shahak accused the prime minister of giving an incorrect version of events when he said he had stopped Shahak's briefing at the cabinet last week because he was encroaching on diplomatic issues.

In the first letter, Shahak was quoted as writing: "Is there a new briefing procedure for the heads of the security establishment? If there is, I'd like to know."

Netanyahu reportedly replied: "There is no new procedure. The heads of the security establishment, in the past and present, are invited to give briefings and it is important they do so. I have high appreciation for the heads of the security establishment."

Shahak then wrote a second letter, Channel 1 said.

"I was not about to report about a French-Egyptian initiative for an international conference at all. I was going to report about a Palestinian initiative for an inter-Arab summit. Your version is inaccurate," it said.

To this Netanyahu reportedly replied: "Indeed, you didn't say those things, but you still dealt with a matter you shouldn't have. In any case, [I] request to end the story."

The Prime Minister's Office and senior military sources accused each other over the weekend of leaking the letters to the media. The Prime Minister's Office said the leaks were politically motivated and came from Shahak's circles.

A military source said in response that the Prime Minister's Office "leaks like a sieve, and every day the staff is put through a lie-detector test."

## US reaffirms pullback pledge

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat received a commitment last night from US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright that the Clinton administration will not back down from efforts to obtain an Israeli withdrawal in the West Bank and will work to resume negotiations toward a final-status solution for the territories.

Albright's message was delivered to Arafat in a letter by US Consul-General John Herbst during a meeting last night in Ramallah.

PA sources said the message came amid increasing doubts among Palestinian leaders regarding Washington's commitment to press Israel to agree to relinquishing 13.1 percent of the West Bank to full Palestinian control.

Arafat and Herbst also reviewed the latest development in the peace process and proposals by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to implement a further redeployment in the territories.

PA sources said Netanyahu has offered several proposals that fall short of the 13.1 percent set by the US and that Arafat has rejected all of the Israeli ideas.

Arafat is hoping to obtain an Israeli commitment to the US plan for West Bank withdrawal to coincide with his efforts to make changes in the authority, the sources said.

During a tour of several West Bank cities, Arafat called for national unity and suggested the cabinet would soon be reshuffled.

Arafat said his own Fatah movement and the Islamic and secular opposition needed to join together to battle what he termed "the plans to establish [Jewish] settlements on Palestinian lands that serve to provoke the masses."

He also criticized what he called Israeli plans to set up more communities in Jerusalem.

PA officials said Arafat has



Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat touches his eye during a visit to the Palestinian Stock Exchange in Nablus yesterday. *(AP)*

already set a cabinet reshuffle into motion. Education Minister Yasser Amr said five members from the PLO Executive Committee will be appointed ministers in the next cabinet. He did not name those appointed.

Islamic opposition figures have already asserted they will not accept an invitation to join a new cabinet. The Islamic Jihad Movement released a statement on Friday that denied reports that it

would seek positions in the PA. The movement reiterated its opposition to the Oslo Accords, adding that jihad, or holy war, is the only option for the Palestinians.

During his West Bank tour, Arafat attended a ceremony that marked the fourth anniversary of PADICO, the Palestinian Industrial Development Corporation.

PA officials said PADICO would seek to raise \$1 billion for the Palestinian economy from

investors and institutions abroad. They said a key element in the Palestinian plan is the Bethlehem 2000 celebrations, which they hope will bring hundreds of thousands of pilgrims and tourists to Bethlehem and other PA areas.

Arafat commemorated the ground-breaking of a new Intercontinental Hotel in Bethlehem that officials hope will be finished in time for the Bethlehem 2000 celebrations.

## One killed in Haifa nightclub brawl

By DAVID RUDGE

A youth was killed and two others were injured in a fight between groups of Arabs and Jews outside a Haifa nightclub in what has become known as the "Alcohol Valley" district early yesterday morning.

Alla Muzabab, 19, from Mughar village in Lower Galilee, died at the scene despite efforts by Magen David Adom paramedics to resuscitate him. Two other youths from the village were injured in the fight and were taken to Rambam Hospital for treatment.

Six suspects from Tirat Carmel were arrested and remanded last night in Haifa Magistrates' Court.

The main suspect, Michel Elbaz, 19, was remanded for five days, and five other suspects were remanded for lesser periods.

The incident happened at the "Wings" nightclub near the Checkpoint junction on the northern outskirts of Haifa. An argument broke out between the group from Mughar and youths from Tirat Carmel, apparently inside the club.

Bouncers separated the fighting youths and threw them outside, where the fight continued. According to witnesses, some members of the group from Tirat Carmel attacked those from Mughar with knives.

Muzabab was apparently stabbed several times and died at the door of a car whose driver had stopped to take him to the hospital.

Police are expected to crack down on violence in the area, which has become an almost routine occurrence at pubs and clubs in the Alcohol Valley area, especially at weekends.

## Germany eases survivors' pension criteria

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – Some 7,500 Holocaust survivors will qualify for monthly pensions under a new agreement with Germany that liberalizes eligibility requirements for compensation, the Claims Conference said Friday.

The deal comes soon after Bonn agreed to provide compensation of DM 3,000 a year to some 18,000 survivors in Eastern Europe.

There is now no place on this globe where survivors will not be able to receive monthly pensions," Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the Claims Conference, said in an

interview. However, he said, "We still have unfinished business."

According to the agreement, the income limit, in effect, was raised because Israeli survivors' National Insurance Institute payments will not be counted as income in determining eligibility for a pension under the Claims Conference's Article 2 program.

To qualify for a pension under Article 2 – which is named for the reparations provision in the German reunification treaty – survivors have to prove that they spent at least six months in a concentration camp or 18 months in a ghetto or in hiding.

Survivors had demanded that forced-labor camps and detentions other than concentration camps be added. Under the broadened criteria announced Friday, survivors who were incarcerated in special camps in Austria and in forced labor camps on the Austro-Hungarian border will be eligible.

In addition, Hungarian survivors of forced military labor battalions will qualify, the Claims Conference said.

In addition to pensions, the Claims Conference has given one-time payments of DM 5,000 to 160,000 survivors through its Hardship Fund.

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"These are publicly traded companies," said one banking source. "Their stockholders were getting nervous."

The commercial banks face three class-action lawsuits in the US seeking some \$20 billion, and parallel demands from the WJC for "moral and material restitution" for the banks' failure to return Jewish assets after the war.

The settlement offer does not directly affect the Swiss government, whose central bank received some 80 percent of the gold that had been looted by the Nazis and transferred to Switzerland.

The three banks also said they also would pay claims based on the independent forensic audit that is being conducted under the leadership of former Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker. Those results are due at the end of the year.

The banks' offer includes \$70

million that have already been contributed to the Swiss humanitarian fund for needy Nazi victims. That fund, which had a total of some \$190 million, is being allocated primarily by the WJC.

Any settlement would be used for a "rough justice" fund, under the direction of a federal judge, to compensate Holocaust victims. Banking sources reiterated their complaint that the WJC has not disbursed more than \$11 million of the humanitarian fund, which was established in March 1997.

The public breakdown in negotiations and the rejection of the offer is likely to expose the fractures and competition among survivors, plaintiffs' lawyers, and Jewish organizations.

Weisshaus, for instance, wrote to US District Court Judge Edward Korman recently complaining that her lawyer Ed Fagan had "joined other lawsuits with questionable claims from questionable organizations," including the Gypsies, when it

was "common knowledge," she said, that they were nomads without bank accounts.

Her five-page letter charged that the WJC "never helped the Holocaust victims," is "threatening the Swiss banks," and claiming that it "is entitled to our money."

She went on to complain about the salaries of WJC officials, including her belief that Singer earns some \$270,000 a year.

WJC officials said Friday they would meet with Eisenstat on Tuesday to discuss the "future structure and nature" of the US-brokered talks.

Meanwhile, the *New York Daily News* said yesterday that the proposed settlement could embarrass President Bill Clinton's nomination of Richard Holbrooke as the new US envoy to the UN.

Holbrooke, who served in diplomatic posts under several US administrations, is currently a vice president in New York for Credit Suisse, although he is not involved in the suit.

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# Hariri: Lebanon, Syria willing to sign deal

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK — Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri reiterated on Friday that Lebanon and Syria are willing to sign a peace agreement with Israel, but then denounced Israel as a military state whose "vocation is war."

At a news conference at the UN after a meeting with Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Hariri said he had asked the US earlier last week to act as a facilitator toward the resumption of the peace talks among Lebanon, Syria and Israel.

When asked about progress, he said, "Nothing yet."

Israel's offers to Lebanon were "unconvincing," Hariri said. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had imposed condi-

tions on accepting Security Council resolution 425 of 1978, which calls for Israeli withdrawal from southern Lebanon.

He derided Israel's calls for assurances from Lebanon for security. It was Lebanon, Hariri said, that should be demanding security guarantees.

"We are more than afraid," he said, speaking in Arabic and English. "We are scared to death of Israel." Lebanon's military has "primitive equipment," while Israel has atomic bombs, biological weapons and the strongest army in the region, Hariri said. "Israel can face all the Arab armies," he said.

Israel might have a democratic system, Hariri said, "but its main vocation is war. Is there an Arab

state whose vocation is war?"

Lebanon and Syria are willing to sign a peace agreement with Israel in three months if it agreed to resume negotiations and "to live in peace in the region," he said, repeatedly linking Beirut with Damascus and also calling for the Israeli withdrawal from "Syrian territory."

When asked about the fate of Palestinians living in Lebanon, Hariri alluded to its 1975 civil war between Christians and Moslems and the uneasy balance of its population.

"Lebanon will never, ever be able to integrate the Palestinians" for "internal reasons," he said. "This is the responsibility of Israel."

Hariri also expressed regret



Suitable for framing

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu (center) receives a jubilee edition of 50 Hish Gad lottery ticket covers on Friday from Mifal Hapayis chairman Avraham Katz-Oz (right) and director Ya'acov Bardugo. Each ticket cover in the jubilee series represents a different area of Zionist accomplishment.

## Egypt, US to discuss cutting aid

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON — Egyptian officials will begin a week-long series of consultations with the administration and Congress tomorrow on cutting back US economic assistance to Cairo.

The delegation is headed by Economics Minister Youssef Boutros-Ghali and Minister of State for Planning and International Cooperation Zafer el-Bishri.

They will discuss "US-Egyptian economic issues in general as well as the aid issue specifically," an Egyptian embassy official said Friday.

The US provides Egypt with about \$800 million annually in economic assistance, in addition to \$1.2 billion in military aid.

Israeli Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman neared an agreement on plans for economic aid to Israel last month during meetings with congressmen and administration officials.

The Israeli proposal would eliminate half of Jerusalem's \$1.2 billion annual economic aid package over a ten-year period, with the other half being shifted into military aid.

Congress appears open to discussing a similar arrangement with the Egyptians.

# SLA soldier, young son killed in bomb blast

By DAVID RUDGE

Israel has lodged a complaint with the Grapes of Wrath monitoring group over a Friday roadside bombing in which a South Lebanese Army soldier and his five-year-old son were killed in the center of Tzabab, north of the secu-

city zone.

No organization claimed responsibility. Nevertheless, it appeared that Hizbullah, which has been primarily behind similar attacks in the Jezzine area in the past, was responsible.

Reports from the area indicated that the bomb had been planted

either inside or under the car, which had been parked outside the SLA soldier's house.

Senior IDF sources said that the attack in the heart of a civilian area, against a civilian vehicle in which a child was also killed was a blatant breach of the Grapes of Wrath understandings.

A similar incident occurred on Thursday night in Huleh village, in the eastern sector of the security zone, when an explosive device went off alongside a civilian car. There were no casualties and Amal claimed responsibility, saying that the bomb had been aimed at a SLA security official.

him, citing Lebanese security sources, said 10 mortar rounds were fired at an IDF patrol in the central part of the security zone last night. Amal claimed responsibility. There were no reported casualties.

Nonetheless, there has been a marked drop in the number of attacks against IDF and SLA troops

in the zone in the past week. Some Lebanese analysts attributed this to the possibility that many gunmen have been busy watching the World Cup football games. IDF sources also noted that there had been a decrease in activities, which could be connected to the soccer matches.

## HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

**Surveying redeployment**  
The Hebrew press discussed the various forces in the public and the Knesset which may have the ability to influence the redeployment. It focused on the support, the opposition, and the dilemmas of the ambivalent.

**Ma'ariv** conducted its own national poll, which revealed that 63% of those questioned support the implementation of a 13% withdrawal from the territories, a data backed up by the results of more credible polls already conducted. The public responded with a "reverberating yes," writes Chemi Shalev. He concludes that "all that remains to see is whether the government and the Knesset will implement the unequivocal and clear message sent to them."

Ben Caspit, also of **Ma'ariv**, claims that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has already made the decision in principle, but has not mustered the political resolution for implementing. He argues that if it were up to the premier, he would freeze the current situation.

"Netanyahu loves being the prime minister and foreign minister, enjoys watching (Ehud) Barak wither in the opposition and MK [David] Levy dry up in the political desert. He knows that the redeployment will force him to depart from this amiable situation and he is squirming," Caspit wrote.

Yosef Lapid of **Ma'ariv** addresses the settler leadership's escalating struggle against the redeployment and claims that they are isolated "They are not backed up by a big army," he said.

**The Shahak option**  
Following Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak's letter to Netanyahu accusing him of a distorted portrayal of what occurred in the cabinet last week, commentators began speculating whether Shahak constitutes a real threat to Netanyahu and if he is heading

towards a political career.

Shimon Schiffer of **Yediot** states that Netanyahu's camp believes that Shahak is initiating incidents with the premier in order to be accepted as a leader in one of the opposition parties.

**Ma'ariv's** Sima Kadmon believes that the whole incident was blown out of proportion and casts doubt on whether Shahak will enter politics. "He will not endanger himself in the disgusting political field, he doesn't have it in him...it seems that people around him have the desire to see him run more than he himself does," she wrote.

**Hatzofe's** Moti Zefi claims that because it is almost certain that Shahak will have a significant role in the next elections, as long as Netanyahu has some control over him, "he will show him who's boss."

**Arutz 7**  
Providing a broadcasting permit to Arutz 7 cannot constitute a reward for a crime that has been committed, **Ha'aretz** editorializes. However, the paper does support transferring the right to broadcast from the government to the private sector.

Yehoshua Mor-Yosef in **Hatzofe** argues that closing down Arutz 7 is a means of preventing the settlers from expressing their opposition to the redeployment.

**New leadership at Bar Ilan**  
"Shock, total shock was the general atmosphere in the Bar-Ilan campus" writes Yael Gvirtz of **Yediot**. She was referring to the election of Meir Lapid, an extreme rightist from Kiryat Arba, a chairman of the student union in Bar-Ilan University. Lapid's list ousted the NRP's list that previously controlled the union.

"We are dealing with a microcosm of a process visible in the state as a whole: the moderate majority leaves the field for those better organized or motivated by ideological unity," Gvirtz wrote.

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The PA reacted with a statement saying, "The expansion of Jerusalem's boundaries will allow Israel to swallow 18 percent of West Bank land in order to establish settlements... It is unacceptable to the Palestinian leadership."

Bar-Ilan insisted that, "Any geographical expansion, if there is any, will be to the west of the city and will be within the Green Line and in no way will it affect the Oslo Accords."

"The purpose of the Jerusalem plan is to enable the city to enter the 21st century as an efficient and viable metropolis. No change in the city's status is intended," he said.

Bar-Ilan attributed press reports of the prime minister's alleged announcement of such a change to "a mistaken translation," noting that he referred to "standing" not legal status.

Referring to the proposed improvement of the city's transportation infrastructure and encouragement of new industrial enterprises, as well as other initiatives in education and the arts, he said: "The economic tax-base of the city will be expanded to include suburban areas to the

west."

He denied that the municipal program is related to the peace process, contending that "it is the conclusion of a study which began 16 months ago by various government and municipal offices," and will benefit all Jerusalem residents and substantially improve the standard of living and quality of life in the city.

"No municipal expansion into areas outside the Green Line is planned," Bar-Ilan said.

The law in Israel has always been enforced and will continue to be enforced, regardless of ethnicity, religion, or nationality. This applies to illegal construction, as well as to other violations of the law.

"We are always concerned about what the US thinks... but there are certain things that are nothing more than domestic needs that we must provide and that we must act on when we feel they are necessary."

Cabinet secretary Dan Naveh said on Channel 1 that Israel has every right to strengthen and develop Jerusalem.

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# Herzliya hospital plans live-donor kidney transplants

By JUDY SIEGEL

The Health Ministry has authorized the Herzliya Medical Center to be the first private hospital to perform kidney transplants from live donors, but it turned down HMC's request to transplant cadaver kidneys. The hospital expects 12 to 20 such operations will be performed there during the first year.

The new unit is headed by Dr. Ezra Sharan, a leading transplant surgeon. Among the other doctors who will do such procedures is Prof. Zaki Shapira, chief of kidney transplantation at the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus, who is being investigated by the Health Ministry following

allegations he performed kidney transplants abroad on well-to-do Israelis using organs sold by their donors. However, the ministry is unlikely to take action against him, as the law barring surgeons from doing this applies only to transplants performed here.

HMC director Dr. Aubrey Joffe said that Shapira is the "most experienced kidney transplant surgeon in the country, and that is why we have invited him to operate. A formal complaint hasn't been filed against him and he has his license. Only if action is taken against him would his services here be discontinued."

HMC discovered a need for another place for kidney transplants from live donors when

it opened a private dialysis unit for patients with kidney failure about two months ago. According to Health Ministry regulations, people may donate a kidney for altruistic reasons, and the hospital must ensure that no money is exchanged.

The Meuhedet and Leumit health funds have signed an agreement with HMC to cover the costs of kidney transplants from live donors at the Herzliya hospital; Clalit and Maccabi may cover costs on an ad hoc basis.

Asked why HMC may not perform kidney transplants from cadavers, Berlovich said the supply of cadaver organs must remain public and not become more accessible to people who can pay for it.

## Pope: Europeans must make amends for crimes against Jews

VIENNA (AP) - Europeans must seek reconciliation with the Jews for the "unspeakable suffering" inflicted on them, Pope John Paul II said yesterday as he set down a tough agenda for the old continent.

Addressing Austrian officials and diplomats in the former Imperial Palace, the pope also his-

ed duties and sacrifices required of Europeans to overcome injustices and economic disparity.

"Don't forget the history of Europe is closely intertwined with the history of that people from which the Lord Jesus came," John Paul said. "The Jewish people have been afflicted with unspeakable suffering in Europe, and we

can't affirm that all the roots of these injustices have been cut. Reconciliation with the Jews is one of the fundamental duties of Christians in Europe."

Sitting among the dignitaries was former Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, who drew the ire of Jewish groups because of his alleged complicity in war crimes

by the German army in World War II and his efforts to conceal his past as a junior officer in the army.

John Paul has spoken out often against antisemitism and the horrors of the Holocaust.

But yesterday was believed to be the first time he put the burden specifically on Europeans to make amends.



Singing in the woods

Israel Prize-winning songwriter Ehud Manor (left) and Jewish National Fund chairman Shlomo Gravitz plant the first tree Thursday in the Jubilee Song Grove near Binyamina. A joint effort of the JNF, the Alona Regional Council, and the Reshet Gimmel radio station, the grove is the first part of an Israeli Music Forest that is to include workshops and a recording studio.

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## Czech Left expected to win election

By ALAN CROSBY

PRAGUE (Reuters) — Czechs voted on the second day of a general election yesterday, with a shift to the Left expected in the face of fresh evidence that the country's economic miracle was deeply flawed.

Polls opened at 7 a.m. and voters, assured for years that they were leaders in post-communist economic reform, appeared poised to elect their first left-wing government since the fall of communism in 1989.

Opinion polls indicate that Czechs will give the opposition center-left Social Democrats (CSSD) their first taste of power after two election victories by the center-right Civic Democratic Party (ODS) of former Prime Minister Václav Klaus.

The CSSD, led by Klaus's arch rival 53-year-old Milos Zeman, topped the last opinion surveys ahead of the vote.

Voter turnout was moderate on Friday and a senior electoral commission official told the CTM news agency some 40-55 percent of people planning to vote were estimated to have done so on the first day the polls were open.

Police reported no major problems, although four polling stations in North Moravia were closed for almost an hour following an anonymous telephone bomb warning. No explosives were found, CTM reported, and the stations were re-opened.

However, no party or currently envisaged coalition looks able to secure a majority and many analysts fear a continuation of the political instability that has dogged the country and its financial markets for months.

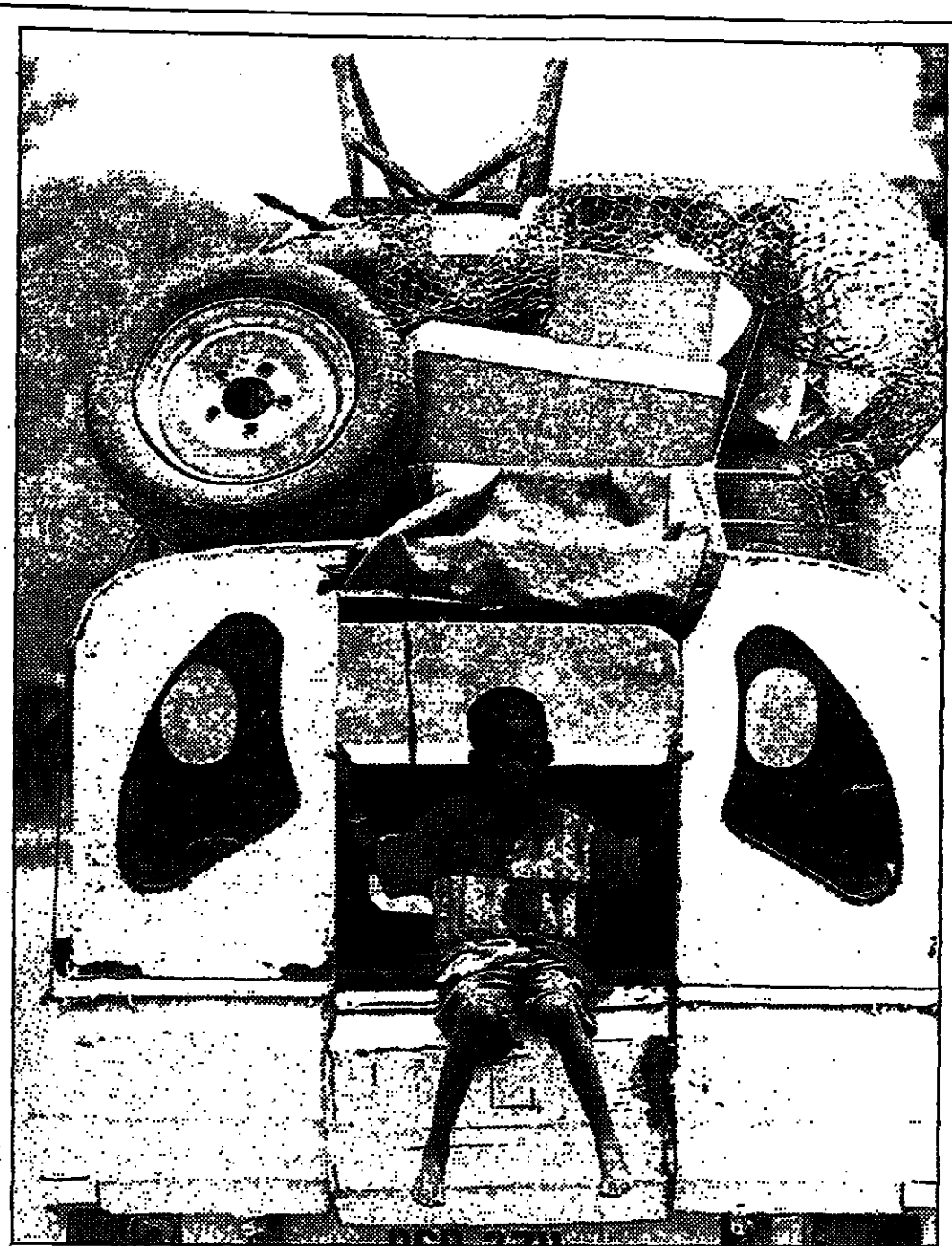
Klaus, main architect of the Czech Republic's economic transformation, was post-communist Europe's longest-standing prime minister until his three-party center-right coalition collapsed in November over a financial scandal in the ODS.

The minority government was shaken by a severe economic downturn which led to the long stable crown being floated in May 1997 and subsequently falling sharply.

The Czech Statistical Bureau (CSU) released data on Friday showing the economy contracted 0.9 percent in the first quarter after 1.2 percent growth in the first three months of 1997.

Analysts said the contraction in gross domestic product was the result of two austerity packages introduced by the Klaus government and tight monetary policy intended to eliminate the consumption-led trade and current account deficits which had weighed on the crown.

"It confirms our warnings about the unsuccessful economic policies of this and the previous government," Zeman told CTM as he voted in the eastern industrial city of Ostrava.



A young refugee from Guinea-Bissau waits in the back of a truck for his mother and infant sister to cross the border and join him in Bissau, Senegal last week. The boy lost his father during the scramble to leave the fighting in the capital city Bissau. (AP)

## Rebels bombard Bissau

IAN STEWART

MPAK, Senegal (AP) — A day after peace talks collapsed, mutinous soldiers in the West African nation of Guinea-Bissau launched an artillery strike Friday on the country's battered capital, Senegalese authorities said.

A billowing cloud of black smoke was seen from the northern side of the capital, Bissau, a Senegalese military commander said on customary condition of anonymity.

There were no immediate reports of casualties and no rebel confirmation of the artillery strike. Aid workers said the bodies of victims from previous violence remained strewn on the streets of the nearly deserted capital.

They also accused the government of taking more than 2,900 tons of UN food supplies, from two separate locations in Bissau, that had been intended for refugees.

"The World Food Program wants the government to give

back the two stores of food," spokesman Wagdi Othman said in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

In a broadcast on clandestine radio, the rebels accused the government of creating a humanitarian crisis.

Brig. Amurmane Mane, Guinea-Bissau's former army chief of staff, attempted a coup on June 7, accusing President Joao Bernardo Vieira of widespread corruption, but the bid failed.

For days, Mane's renegade forces were pinned to a military garrison on the outskirts of Bissau, but they are now on the run, having reportedly been routed from that stronghold. Senegalese troops fighting on behalf of Vieira were closing in on Bissau's international airport, which has been controlled by the rebels.

"We hope to free the airport to allow relief supplies to come in," the commander said.

Troops from the Republic of Guinea, south of Guinea-Bissau, also have been aiding the loyalists. Gambian Foreign

Minister Mohamed Sedat Jobe returned to his country aboard a French naval ship after the rebels snubbed his offer of talks Thursday.

Hundreds of thousands of people have reportedly fled Bissau, and a massive refugee crisis is possible if they don't receive food and drinking water, the Senegalese Red Cross said.

"There are thousands of people suffering," said Jerome Da Silva of the Red Cross.

Although fewer in number than in previous days, refugees from Guinea-Bissau continued to pour across the border into MPak.

The army here sealed the border earlier this week, but has allowed some refugees through. Reports of yellow fever and meningitis in Guinea-Bissau have triggered concerns that the diseases may spread quickly through the refugee communities.

Vaccinations have been made available in MPak, where most of the refugees are arriving.

## G7, Asia tell Japan to fix economy

By WILLIAM MALLARD

TOKYO (Reuters) — Top financial officials from the Group of Seven (G7) nations and Asia yesterday turned up the heat on Japan to boost its flagging economy saying concrete action was "urgently needed."

The group, gathered in Tokyo to discuss Asia's year-long crisis, welcomed US-Japanese intervention to boost the yen and vowed to cooperate "as appropriate" in currency markets. Deputy US Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers told a news conference at the end of the meeting he saw a "clear recognition" by Tokyo of the need to act fast. But he warned that although joint intervention had created a "window of opportunity" for Japan to repair its economy, the chance would not last forever.

China drove home the point, urging the United States and Japan to keep supporting the yen, whose recent slide has put pressure on Beijing to devalue its own yuan currency — thus far a bulwark in the crisis-hit region. "We really welcome the US-Japan joint intervention," Liu Mingkang, deputy governor of China's central bank said. "This intervention was successful. We also hope they will continue this kind of action."

Yesterday's meeting came after Washington and Tokyo stunned markets on Wednesday by moving jointly to bolster the battered yen by intervening in the foreign exchange market. Their first joint yen rescue mission in more than six years was prompted by fears

that the Japanese currency's slide would rob Asia of its chance to recover and trigger another round of tit-for-tat currency devaluations.

Summers had told Tokyo it must quickly forge policies to revive its economy and cure its banking woes during a flurry of crisis talks with top Japanese officials on Friday. The theme was repeated in the final statement issued by the G7 and Japan's 11 Asian neighbors, whose clear message was Tokyo must follow words with action — and quickly. "It is of vital importance to Japan, to the recovery of Asia, particularly those countries affected by financial market turbulence, and to the entire world economy, that Japan restore its banking system to health, achieve domestic demand-led growth, (and) open and deregulate its markets," the statement said. The statement welcomed recent announcements on planned policy steps, but "emphasized the importance of concrete action to implement these plans quickly."

Britain's delegate told reporters Tokyo needed to set a "timetable and milestones" for measures to restore its economy. Nigel Wicks, permanent secretary of the treasury, said if Japan set a timetable and stuck to it, Tokyo would regain the confidence and credibility of world financial markets. The urgency of Japan's need to sort out its banking troubles was highlighted during the meeting by news that the troubled Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan was considering a merger as one way to solve its woes.

Bank sources told Reuters a

merger with a commercial bank was one option, along with independent restructuring. Japan's top financial diplomat Vice Finance Minister for International Affairs Eisuke Sakakibara — who chaired yesterday's meeting said he thought his colleagues believed Japan was serious about reform.

Japan has enacted a 16 trillion yen (\$117 billion) plus stimulus package to kick-start its economy, which slipped into recession earlier this year. In February, parliament passed a 30 trillion yen financial stabilization package including 17 trillion yen to protect depositors and 13 trillion yen to recapitalize banks.

Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) will decide by July 8 on a plan to solve the banking industry's bad loan problems. LDP policy chief Taku Yamazaki was quoted by NHK television as saying yesterday. On Friday, Summers had set Japan an ambitious three-week deadline to come up with serious policy steps and warned that Washington would keep a close tabs on the process.

But his boss, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, noted on Friday that curing Japan's festering ills would take time. Japan faces a key Upper House election on July 12, raising fears that the campaign could delay economic policy decisions. The G7 groups the United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada. They were joined by officials from the so-called Manila Group, which is made up of other nations most affected by Asia's financial turmoil.

## GM shuts more plants due to strike

By TODD NISSEN

FLINT, Mich. (Reuters) — The toll from strikes at General Motors Corp. plants in Flint, Mich., has risen as two more assembly operations ground to a halt and the number of employees caught up in the dispute climbed to almost 115,000.

Shuttered Friday was the Lordstown, Ohio, facility, GM's largest single assembly plant in North America, where it builds the Pontiac Sunfire and Chevrolet Cavalier cars. About 5,000 workers were sent home due to parts shortages from the striking Flint Metal Center and Delphi East components plant. Also closed was the Silao, Mexico, factory, the last plant making GM's profitable full-size sport utility vehicles, where 2,455 workers were affected.

The strikes have now silenced 23 of the company's 29 North American car and truck assembly operations, representing more than 90 percent of its output.

Although GM is estimated to be losing \$50-\$60 million a day, Chairman Jack Smith stuck to the automaker's tough stance during an ill-timed commencement address at Kettering University in Flint. Appearing under tight security,

Smith said in prepared remarks that "nothing is more important" to GM than settling the disputes with United Auto Workers union Local 651 and 659. But he said GM needs labor agreements that allow it to stay competitive in a fast-changing global marketplace. "While every organization needs to preserve the appropriate aspects of its past, change is inevitable — and unavoidable — even here in Flint," he told graduates before being whisked out a back entrance in a Cadillac.

UAW strikers stayed away from the school, formerly known as GMJ Engineering and Management Institute, after their leaders instructed them to confine picketing to the plants.

About 3,400 hourly workers have been on strike at the Flint Metal Center, a metal-stamping plant, since June 5, and 5,800 walked off the job at Delphi East, which makes spark plugs, electronic instrument clusters and other parts.

GM blames the strike at Flint Metal Center on the union's refusal to change inefficient work rules that result in annual losses of \$50 million at the plant. The UAW claims GM has broken promises to

invest \$300 million in the stamping plant and is seeking to cut 2,500 jobs at the parts plant. Outside Flint Metal on Friday, passing cars honked their horns in support of picketers.

Workers said they held no personal animosity toward Smith, but said the company created the current strike atmosphere.

## EU recalls Belarus envoys

MINSK (Reuters) — The 15-nation European Union decided on Friday to recall its ambassadors from Belarus amid a growing row over an elite housing complex some of them share with President Alexander Lukashenko, a senior diplomat said.

Bulgaria's ambassador to Minsk, Marko Ganchev, told reporters EU envoys had agreed the move at a meeting at the British embassy.

"The governments of the EU states took a decision to recall their ambassadors from Belarus for an undetermined time," Ganchev said. In Washington, the State

Department said on Friday the US would recall its ambassador from Belarus very soon unless the Belarusian authorities allow immediate access to his residence.

Lukashenko — who brooks little opposition in Belarus and is often at odds with the West — says he needs to call the plumbers in.

But the ambassadors say the move violates the Vienna Convention on diplomatic practice and is a ploy to take over the whole compound.

"In Drodzy, water and electricity are cut off, the road is blocked and security has been tightened," said one envoy.

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## WORLD

in brief

### Prince William hates being pin-up

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain's Prince William has marked his 16th birthday by giving a rare insight into his personal life and revealing that he hates being a pin-up royal. Prince William, eldest son of Prince Charles and Princess Diana, revealed how his "world seemed to fall apart" after the "momentous" death of his mother last August.

William, 16 on Sunday and second in line to the British throne, responded to a media hungry for news about him by answering a series of written questions about his life at home and at the elite Eton boarding school. He said he is "uncomfortable" with the adulation of "screaming girls." William was mobbed by thousands of screaming girls during a tour of Vancouver, Canada earlier this year.

### Woodward prepares for BBC interview

ELTON, England (AP) - Louise Woodward will give a BBC interviewer "lots of answers" about the death of the baby in her care, her mother said yesterday.

"She's anxious to speak. You'll get lots of answers," Susan Woodward said as her daughter met with the interviewer. Ms. Woodward, 20, returned to her home here yesterday after a Massachusetts court affirmed her conviction and sentence for the death of 8-month-old Matthew Eappen. The trial jury found Ms. Woodward guilty of second-degree murder, but the judge reduced that to manslaughter and her sentence to time served.

### India cafe refuses to serve blacks

BOMBAY (AP) - A popular Bombay cafe refused to serve lunch to two stewardesses from South African Airlines, saying blacks were not allowed in the restaurant. "When we objected, we were told that Kenyans, South Africans and Nigerians were always refused entry," said Manoj Shetty, a friend of the stewardesses.

Shetty and the stewardess, who did not want to be identified or speak to reporters, had drinks in the Cafe Leopold bar and were going to eat lunch in the restaurant when they were stopped.

Rashid Dohmiri, part-owner of the cafe, said: "We have had some bad experiences with black foreigners who get drunk and create a nuisance, so we don't let them go upstairs."

### More climbers fall at Mt. McKinley

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - A team of British climbers trying to get off Mount McKinley after three members were injured in a fall, ran into more trouble when two men tumbled into a treacherous snow chute.

Rescue climbers were able to get to the men early yesterday. National Park Service Ranger Kim McLean said. One was able to walk with help, but the other had broken both legs and a head injury after the 300-foot fall in the chute known as the Orient Express.

Air rescues were on hold because of poor weather and darkness.

## UN approves \$300m. for Iraqi oil industry

By EVELYN LEOPOLD

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - The Security Council on Friday unanimously approved \$300 million in equipment to upgrade Iraq's dilapidated oil industry so it could meet higher export targets under a UN oil-for-food program.

Iraq, however, opposed language in the resolution that it says would make the oil-for-food program permanent, thereby delaying hopes for ending sanctions against Baghdad. "Iraq is going to reject this resolution," its UN ambassador Nizar Hamdoun said. But he did not specify any actions Baghdad would take in response and did not repeat an earlier threat to stop oil sales.

Iraq is allowed to sell \$5.25 billion in oil over six months in order to buy food, medicine and other humanitarian supplies for its people to ease the impact of the sanctions imposed in August 1990 after Iraqi forces invaded Kuwait. But without spare parts for its oil industry, it cannot come near to meeting its targets under the oil-for-food program.

Even with new equipment Iraq says it cannot sell more than \$4.1 billion in the next six months at current prices.

UN oil experts have said the new

equipment would not allow Iraq to pump more than 1.7 million barrels a day.

If prices stay at \$10.50 a barrel, Iraq would earn about \$3b. over six months, well under the \$4b. it hoped to sell and the \$5.25b. it is allowed to sell under the UN plan. But the main point of dispute was language in Friday's resolution that says Iraq's distribution plan for food, medicine and other necessities would "remain in effect" rather than be renegotiated every six months.

At the same time the resolution says Iraq could amend or submit a new plan, providing that UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan approves it.

Iraq in the past had suspended oil sales, sometimes for as long as two months in an effort to maintain control over the program, which it says has malfunctioned from the start.

A continuing distribution plan has become a symbol for Iraq that the oil-for-food plan was turning into a substitute for lifting sanctions.

France, which negotiated on behalf of Iraq in the council, however, was satisfied with the final draft, which it interpreted differently from the sponsors of the resolution.

## US: Iran response on ties will take time

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Despite a frosty initial reaction from Iran to new American proposals to improve long hostile relations, the US said Friday it would wait patiently for a considered response from Tehran.

"We expect there to be a reaction that will come over time and not overnight," US State Department spokesman James Rubin said.

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, speaking in New York on Wednesday, offered to explore new confidence-building steps with

Iran, with the ultimate aim of normal relations with the Islamic republic.

US President Bill Clinton on Thursday reinforced the US charm offensive, saying Iran was changing for the better and the US wanted genuine reconciliation.

But Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi said the US must change its "hostile policies" toward Iran before the two countries could hope to normalize relations.

Rubin said Albright's speech "was a clear statement of our

views. And we expect that Iran will wish to take some time to develop a considered and careful evaluation of what the next steps might be."

He told a news briefing that Iran's public comments "did not come as a surprise" and included "some comments that were positive and some that were looking for policy actions."

"We... believe that the best way to move the situation forward is for us to talk, to develop an understanding of what the problems are

that each side has, to get commitments to change those problems and ameliorate them," Rubin said.

Albright's speech was the first detailed US response to a CNN interview in January by Iran's new reformist President Mohammad Khatami, who called for people-to-people exchanges with the country Iran has long branded the "great Satan."

But Khatami ruled out the government-to-government dialogue that Washington seeks, and Iranian officials have demanded an end to

US economic sanctions and attempts to freeze Iran out of development of Caspian basin oil reserves.

US leaders have said they first want to see Iran drop its alleged support for terrorism and attempts to acquire weapons of mass destruction.

The US cut ties with Iran in 1980, after Moslem militants seized the US embassy in Tehran and held its staff hostage. The last hostages were not released for over a year.

## Starr argues that Secret Service can testify

By DEBORAH ZABARENKO

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Secret Service agents can testify in the investigation of alleged White House sex and cover-up and still keep President Bill Clinton safe, Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr argued Friday.

"There is no reasonable basis for the Secret Service's prediction that presidential safety will be compromised by the testimony of its personnel," Starr said in a brief leading up to arguments on the issue this month before a federal appeals court panel.

Starr has sought the testimony of two Secret Service agents and one Secret Service lawyer in his probe of allegations that Clinton illegally tried to cover up an affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. Both Clinton and Lewinsky have denied the affair under oath and Clinton has said he never asked anyone to lie.

But prosecutors believe Secret Service agents who serve in close proximity to the president could provide valuable testimony on accusations that Clinton may have suborned perjury by Lewinsky in the now-disputed Paula Jones sexual-harassment case.

The agents and lawyer, who have not been named in court documents, maintain they should not be compelled to testify and have cited an untried "protective function privilege" in this case.

They argue that, because they protect the president, they must retain his confidence so they can get "in close." If a president believed that his guards could be forced to testify about the intimate details of his life, he might push them away and court assassination, according to the Secret Service argument.

Starr has said the new privilege for Secret Service personnel has no basis in law, and that the agents would be compelled by their role as law enforcement officers to testify about any possible felonies they witnessed in the course of their duties.

In his brief, Starr took aim at a Secret Service argument that the new privilege would shield any evidence that would threaten national security.

"Under this analysis, even the most mundane observations are elevated to the same level of importance as the location of our nuclear arsenal," Starr wrote. "Should a Secret Service employee happen to observe a state or military secret, that observation would be privileged (and we would not seek its disclosure). But that does not convert every presidential word and action into a state secret," he wrote.

If Starr wins, Secret Service agents may face questions about whether Clinton and Lewinsky were ever alone together at the White House.



An Indian police officer (face not shown for security reasons) stands over the bodies of 25 Hindus at an army camp at Doda, 250 km northwest of Jammu yesterday, after they were gunned down while returning from a wedding in India's Kashmir state. (AP)

## Guerrillas massacre 25 Hindus in Kashmir

By SHEKH MUSHTAQ

SRINAGAR, India (Reuters) - Separatist guerrillas shot dead at least 25 male members of two Hindu wedding parties, including both the bridegrooms, in India's troubled Jammu and Kashmir state Friday, officials said.

Seven people were wounded, six of them critically, a government statement said in Srinagar, summer capital of the province racked by eight years of bloody separatist violence.

The attackers looted ornaments and cash from women and children, it said. No guerrilla group has claimed responsibility for the attack, officials said.

The gunmen struck at Chapnari village in the mountainous Doda

district as the two wedding parties were waiting for buses after reaching the village by

foot following the marriage ceremonies at Bhagwa village. "The militants whose number is said to be five, armed with sophisticated weapons, segregated male members of both the marriage parties from women and children and asked them to line up before they opened indiscriminate firing on them," the statement said.

The incident took place between 1:30 and 2 p.m. around 300 km south of Srinagar.

"The militants reached the spot in a private vehicle which they had hijacked at gunpoint on the road and fled toward the mountains after committing the crime," the statement said.

"Six critically injured are being shifted to Jammu medical college for which a helicopter has been sent to the spot. The killed included both bridegrooms," it said.

Jammu is the winter capital of the state, mainly Hindu India's only Moslem majority state.

Farooq Abdullah, chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir, state, blamed Pakistan for the violence.

"It is yet another barbaric act of Pakistan-sponsored militancy in Jammu and Kashmir," the state government quoted Abdullah as saying in a statement.

"This is the heavy price we are paying in this proxy war unleashed on our people by Pakistan and there are no words strong enough to condemn this inhuman act of senseless ele-

ments, who are behaving like beasts rather than human beings," he said.

India, which controls two-thirds of Kashmir, accuses Pakistan of stoking the eight-year rebellion in the Himalayan region. Pakistan, which controls the rest of Kashmir, says it offers only moral and diplomatic support to the rebels.

The two nations have fought two wars over the disputed territory since independence from Britain in 1947.

The massacre was the third of its kind this year in the state. Suspected separatist guerrillas shot dead 29 people in the Jammu region in April and masked gunmen killed 23 in a village near Srinagar in January.

## Albanians call for NATO move into Kosovo

By GILES ELGOOD

PRISTINA, Serbia (Reuters) - Albania's leader joined Kosovo Albanians on Friday in calling for NATO intervention in the Serbian province, but a senior Russian general warned this could pitch Europe into a new Cold War.

Reports from both sides in the conflict and from NATO sources, however, suggested that Serbian forces had scaled down operations against ethnic Albanian separatists in Kosovo and were concentrating on cutting supply lines to Albania. Military action against the separatist Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) has been reduced since international condemnation that followed Serbian forces' near-destruction of the town of Decani

and surrounding villages this month.

"We ask that the alliance exert pressure progressively until a final solution to the crisis is found, even if that means using force against violence," Albanian Prime Minister Fatos Nano told air force pilots in Tirana.

Earlier Ibrahim Rugova, president of the self-declared Kosovo republic, told a news conference in the capital, Pristina: "If the Serbian attacks on Kosovo are not ended, NATO should use all necessary means and intervene to prevent Serbian massacres."

In Moscow, Col.-Gen. Leonid Ivashov, one of Russia's most senior generals, was quoted by Itar-Tass news agency as warning against any NATO military action.

"[NATO action in Kosovo without UN support] would lead to the start of a new Cold War... Europe does not want to go back to where we were a few years ago, but someone is trying to push it there and it's not Russia," he said. "There are still a thousand ways of securing a peaceful solution to the conflict, and only the 1,001st way is the military option, which we cannot allow."

NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana, visiting Tallinn, declined to comment on the Russian comments, saying the two sides needed to work together and consult. Noting that NATO and Russian officials had talks in Brussels Thursday on how to solve the Kosovo problem, he added: "This is more important than some com-

ments or statements."

But in Brussels a NATO official dismissed the Russian warning, saying: "Nothing is going to bring the Cold War back."

He rejected a suggestion that the alliance was getting cold feet about intervention in Yugoslavia, saying it is proceeding with planning for the full range of options. The plans will be put to permanent ambassadors of the 16-member alliance "in the coming days" for political analysis, he said.

France called Friday for a fresh meeting of the major powers' Contact Group to monitor whether Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic carries out his promise to renew dialogue with the ethnic Albanians, who make up 90 percent of the 1.8 million Kosovars.

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## Taiwan virus death toll rises to 50

By JAMES PENG

TAIPEI (Reuters) - A deadly virus has claimed the lives of four more Taiwanese children, pushing the death toll from the epidemic to 50 and prompting health officials to suggest closing summer camps. State radio said four more children died from the suspected enterovirus yesterday, bringing the death toll to 50.

"Some counties and cities are to soon hold large-sized children's activities or summer camps, but when many people gather, sanitary conditions are hard to control," Hsu Kuo-hsiung, acting director of the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control, said on state television. "Therefore, we are sending letters to suggest them to call off such activities or postpone these activities until the enterovirus is under control."

State radio said health officials will also suggest that parents not allow children below the age of 12 to enter swimming pools.

A Finnish children's dancing group has canceled their planned

late June trip to Taiwan because of the virus, an organizer said.

"The Finland dancing group is frightened by the virus. Knowing the spread of the epidemic in Taiwan, they [dancing group members] canceled the trip," organizer Chen Chi-huang said on state radio.

Health officials have been under fire for failing to warn the public about the dangers of the disease.

Two hundred and thirty-nine children suspected to have been infected with the virus were being treated in hospitals nationwide, state radio and officials said.

Estimates by some physicians that the virus could have infected at least 100,000 newborn and small children triggered panic among Taiwan parents, many of whom have kept their children out of school. Symptoms in the early stages are similar to those of flu.

Virologists said the airborne virus could infect adults, though it had only caused deadly complications among children.

A similar outbreak in 1997 killed 30 toddlers in Sarawak state on the Malaysian side of Borneo.



# America's top 100 movies

**K**ing Kong made it but Greta Garbo was left out. Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers were treated like wallflowers. No one smiled at Buster Keaton and critics across the US were shouting foul. The American Film Institute, a film preservation and research group that is diving into film promotion, has announced the top 100 American movies of the last 100 years.

The list was selected by a vote of 1,500 critics, prominent fans, including President Bill Clinton, filmmakers and actors.

The following is the complete list, in order of preference, of the American Film Institute's Top 100 American movies of the last 100 years.

1. Citizen Kane, 1941
2. Casablanca, 1942



No. 2: 'Casablanca' starring Humphrey Bogart

3. The Godfather, 1972
4. Gone With the Wind, 1939
5. Lawrence of Arabia, 1962
6. The Wizard of Oz, 1939
7. The Graduate, 1967
8. On the Waterfront, 1954
9. Schindler's List, 1993
10. Singin' in the Rain, 1952
11. It's a Wonderful Life, 1946
12. Sunset Boulevard, 1950
13. The Bridge on the River Kwai, 1957
14. Some Like It Hot, 1959
15. Star Wars, 1977
16. All About Eve, 1950
17. The African Queen, 1951
18. Psycho, 1960
19. Chinatown, 1974
20. One Flew Over the



No. 9: 'Schindler's List' starring Ben Kingsley

21. The Grapes of Wrath, 1940
22. 2001: A Space Odyssey, 1968
23. The Maltese Falcon, 1941
24. Raging Bull, 1980
25. E.T. - the Extra-Terrestrial, 1982
26. Dr. Strangelove, 1964
27. Bonnie and Clyde, 1967
28. Apocalypse Now, 1979
29. Mr. Smith Goes to Washington, 1939
30. The Treasure of the Sierra Madre, 1948
31. Annie Hall, 1977
32. The Godfather Part II, 1974
33. High Noon, 1952
34. To Kill a Mockingbird, 1962
35. It Happened One Night, 1934
36. Midnight Cowboy, 1969
37. The Best Years of Our Lives, 1946
38. Double Indemnity, 1944
39. Doctor Zhivago, 1965
40. North by Northwest, 1959
41. West Side Story, 1961
42. Rear Window, 1954
43. King Kong, 1933
44. The Birth of a Nation, 1915
45. A Streetcar Named Desire, 1951
46. A Clockwork Orange, 1971
47. Taxi Driver, 1976
48. Jaws, 1975
49. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, 1937
50. Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, 1969
51. The Philadelphia Story, 1940
52. From Here to Eternity, 1953
53. Amadeus, 1984
54. All Quiet on the Western Front, 1930
55. The Sound of Music, 1965
56. M\*A\*S\*H, 1970
57. The Third Man, 1949
58. Fantasia, 1940
59. Rebel Without a Cause, 1955
60. Raiders of the Lost Ark, 1981
61. Vertigo, 1958
62. Tootsie, 1982
63. Stagecoach, 1939
64. Close Encounters of the Third Kind, 1977
65. The Silence of the Lambs, 1991
66. Network, 1976
67. The Manchurian Candidate, 1962
68. An American in Paris, 1951
69. Shane, 1953
70. The French Connection, 1971
71. Forrest Gump, 1994
72. Ben-Hur, 1959
73. Wuthering Heights, 1939
74. The Gold Rush, 1925
75. Dances With Wolves, 1990
76. City Lights, 1931
77. American Graffiti, 1973
78. Rocky, 1976
79. The Deer Hunter, 1978
80. The Wild Bunch, 1969
81. Modern Times, 1936
82. Giant, 1956
83. Platoon, 1986
84. Fargo, 1996
85. Duck Soup, 1933
86. Mutiny on the Bounty, 1935
87. Frankenstein, 1931
88. Easy Rider, 1969
89. Patton, 1970
90. The Jazz Singer, 1927
91. My Fair Lady, 1964
92. A Place in the Sun, 1951
93. The Apartment, 1960
94. Goodfellas, 1990
95. Pulp Fiction, 1994
96. The Searchers, 1956
97. Bringing Up Baby, 1938
98. Unforgiven, 1992
99. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, 1967
100. Yankee Doodle Dandy, 1942



'Citizen Kane,' starring Orson Welles (right) and Joseph Cotten, was voted best film.

SOME critics, like Kenneth Turan of the *Los Angeles Times*, called the omissions on the list a "scandal" and compared the project to making a list of the 100 greatest American novels and "forgetting about



No. 95: 'Pulp Fiction' starring Uma Thurman

Hemingway and Fitzgerald." But no one quailed much with the top 10 choices, which gave the impression that the people who picked them had rounded up the usual suspects and assigned each a number.

But as critics and film experts tore through the rest of the list, they started asking questions. Why no films by women? Why no films by black directors? Why no works by the great master of romantic comedy, Ernest Lubitsch? Or those other masters of comedy, Preston Sturges and Buster Keaton? And why was *King Kong* No. 34 and Garbo's *Ninotchka* nowhere to be found?

Leonard Klady, a film expert at *Variety*, said he thought the omissions came from the nature of the 1,500 people whose votes produced the canon. Most were Hollywood professionals, with a sprinkling of politicians and film critics.

Klady noted that more than half the films selected were produced between 1950 and 1979, indicating that voters were plumping for films they had seen and been influenced by rather than ones whose importance they should have known about. There were four silent films

picked, and three were by Chaplin. Critic Roger Ebert said in the *Chicago Sun-Times* that the selection was clouded by limiting the finalists to American films, selecting the voters somewhat arbitrarily and asking them to judge according to "a murky formula involving critical recognition, major award winners, popularity over time, historical significance and cultural impact." Robert Denerstein, a critic at the *Rocky Mountain News*, wondered why the entries were limited to American productions and films with American financing.

"It seems to me that a list that's confined to American films doesn't do justice to film history, which belongs to the world," he wrote.

*San Francisco Chronicle* critic Mick LaSalle wrote "Seventy out of the Top 100 were made after 1950. They won't because they're the best but because those are the ones that the voters have seen. The criteria for judging included items such as 'critical reaction' and whether the film ever won a 'major award.' In other words, AFI is not about promoting greatness with this list but instead the current morose consensus." (AP, Reuters)

## Wagner debate rages on

By HELEN KAYE and AP

The taxi-driver listened to my explanation on Wagner in silence. He's third generation Israeli from a mixed family. His mother's people come from Poland and much of her family died in the Holocaust. He's heard about the renewed controversy over the playing of Wagner's music. He doesn't know from Wagner but his opinion is unequivocal.

"If he hates the Jewish people, then who needs his music?" he says simply.

However, there are those who think the time has come for the, albeit unofficial, 50-year local ban on the playing of Wagner's music to be lifted, and last Tuesday some local musicians said so to the Knesset Education Committee.

Holocaust survivors pleaded for keeping the ban, arguing that the operas so closely associated with the Nazi horrors should remain off Israel's airwaves and out of its concert halls.

"Please do it later, in the next generation," said former Knesset speaker Shevah Weiss, who spent part of his childhood in a cramped basement hiding from storm troopers in Nazi-occupied Poland.

"I just came back from Cracow where I conducted the Cracow Philharmonic," says Haifa Symphony music director Stanley Sperber. "While I was there I went to Auschwitz. That visit has only strengthened my opinion that as long as there are survivors (living), it would be in very poor taste to play Wagner in the concert hall. That time will come, but for now we need to be sensitive. Why should they suffer? If people want to hear Wagner, they can buy discs. The issue isn't his music, but the man and in his case, the music and the man are synonymous."

But Asher Fisch, the music director of the New Israeli Opera, said playing Wagner was a symbol of Jewish survival rather than of acquiescence to the composer's beliefs. Ya'acov Mishori, the lead violinist for the

Israeli Philharmonic, told the committee that while no one should be forced to hear Wagner's works, there was room for special concerts for those who wanted the freedom to hear the music.

Musicians have tried from time to time to break the ban. In 1981, conductor Zubin Mehta announced an encore to an IPO concert the prelude to the Wagner opera *Tristan and Isolde*. The audience cried "Shame!" and an usher rushed to the stage, pulling up his shirt to show Nazi-inflicted scars.

Fisch recently tried to gauge sentiments with a symposium on "Wagner, Artist or Symbol." The debate turned emotional, with audience members shouting down a singer and pianist who tried to perform a sample Wagner piece. But Fisch was not deterred, saying he believed a majority wanted to hear Wagner's works. The opera has begun sending questionnaires to subscribers, and Fisch said that if he gets at least 80 percent support, he will override the objections of the minority.

Yisrael Ba'aliya MK Tzvi Weinberg, who wrote a book on modern antisemitism, said Wagner's operas were filled with antisemitic themes and that the composer was instrumental in creating the culture that inspired the Nazi ideology of racial supremacy.

"The arts, and music is one, are supposed to be free," counters Habimah actor Dov Reiser, who opposes lifting the ban on Wagner, "but the arts are also a part of culture, and in this case the Nazis used Wagner as propaganda." Reiser acted in Spielberg's *Schindler's List*, and his late mother was an inmate of Plaszow, the slave labor camp in Poland where Schindler started to save "his" Jews.

"The Nazis used Wagner's wonderful music in the service of horror, not of life," Reiser determines. "It became genocidal music. While the survivors live, let's defer the playing of Wagner. Who are we even to bring it up?"

## Fewer choirs for Camerata

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

The Israel Camerata Jerusalem's recent performances emphasized vocal music of the 17th and 18th centuries, a repertoire very popular among local music lovers.

Of the orchestra's eight major concerts next season, five feature vocal and choral delights by Vivaldi, Pergolesi, Buxtehude, Scarlatti, Mozart, and members of the Bach family, among others, performed by some of the world's leading singers. The major change from past seasons is that only two of the concerts will feature choirs. On the surface it seems a pity because choral concerts are often more engaging than vocal ones. But bearing in mind the overall poor quality of the Camerata's choir performances in recent years, maybe this is a blessing. As usual with this very fine orchestra, music

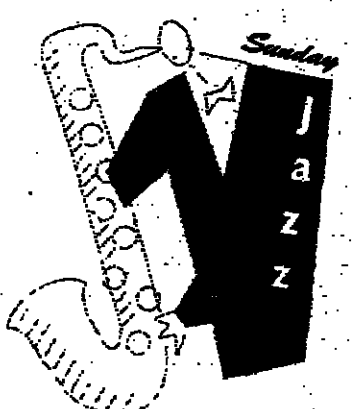
director Avner Biron leads most (six out of eight) of the programs.

A new feature next season is a series of concert lectures, coordinated by Tomer Lev, taking a retrospective look at music of the 20th century. Each of the four concerts in the new series will feature music written in the first half of the century by composers such as Bartok, Schoenberg, Ravel, Janacek, Milhaud, Walton, Gershwin, Martinu and Weill. Among the guest lecturers are Moshe Zukerman and Menahem Brinker.

The Camerata, which spends many months each year performing in concerts abroad, will continue next season with its world-wide tours.

The 1998/99 season of the Israel Camerata Jerusalem opens on September 9. Subscription prices vary from NIS 370 (four concerts for existing subscribers) to NIS 520 (six concerts for new subscribers).

## Nancy Wilson has her way



By J.D. Considine

**N**ancy Wilson has always been a smooth operator, delivering songs with uncommon poise and a graceful sense of swing. But is being a smoothie enough to make her a "smooth jazz" artist? Wilson, 60, seems bemused to learn she is now considered a smooth jazz star. "That's just other folks [saying it]," she says. "When I first started recording, all albums were released as pop. I guess if you're black and live long enough, you end up being what I am. I'm still singing what I love, and still being myself. Categories change, but it doesn't mean a thing."

Wilson's approach is much the same as it was in the early 1960s,

when she enjoyed Top 40 success with "You Don't Know How Glad I Am" and "Face It Girl, It's Over." "A song is just there," she says. "You hear it, and you sing it. You don't stop to analyze it and think 'OK, how am I going to sing this? Is this going to be pop or jazz?' That has nothing to do with smooth jazz, or any kind of jazz. It's just being a song stylist."

As such, what Wilson looks for in a song is a good story. "I want a beginning, a middle and an end, as opposed to a hook," she says. Even though on her current album, *If I Had My Way*, she is backed by synthesizers and drum machines, her touring band is almost totally acoustic, except for some electric piano in two songs.

Wilson generally performs with only a three-piece rhythm section, but loves to sing with a full 18-piece big band behind her. "I came up in the era of the supper clubs with the big bands, and I miss that." Many in her audience, though, are too young to have heard her play the supper clubs. Their first exposure to her music was a little more homey. "I've heard so many Saturday morning cleaning stories," she laughs. "They had to clean the house on Saturday morning, and that's how they were exposed to Nancy Wilson. That's what their mom listened to cleaning up."

(The Baltimore Sun)

## Taking after mom

Sabra Sounds



By Emily Hauser

**I**t is not surprising that Naomi Shemer has a musical son. What is at least a little surprising, though, is how far Ariel Horowitz

YALLAH BYE  
Ariel Horowitz  
(Belicon)  
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falls from the collective, nationalistic gene epitomized by his mother's best-known classic, "Yerushalayim shel Zahav" ("Jerusalem of Gold"). Horowitz has a mild, pleasant voice, and his compositions are quiet, intelligent, and sometimes bemused — little presentations of life's more intimate corners.

Contrast "Yerushalayim shel Zahav" with "Sigal Nahmias," Horowitz's song about being called up for reserve duty. "A registered letter arrived from you/you shamelessly called me 'dear,'" he sings. "God agreed to give me only so many days/and Sigal Nahmias has

already/ taken thirty/ Who are you and what are you?"

The title track, named for that particularly Sabra-esque phrase of nonchalant leave-taking, is similarly prosaic. Giving his sister advice after her boyfriend leaves, the singer recommends a casual approach: "It's true that he always made/ Chinese food and pies/ So you'll eat out of cans for a month/ and yallah, bye/ No, don't make a scene/ it's not worth your time/ if it's over, just tell the guy/ you said enough, so yallah, bye."

Most of Horowitz's songs aren't as light; many are characterized by a bittersweet sorrow or vague confusion. "Please don't wear that shirt," he sings to a former flame in

"Ahavot Yeshanot" ("Old Loves"), "as it is, it's not easy."

In "Zeh Bishvilach" ("This Is for You"), the listener believes Horowitz is singing about a woman who lovingly asks nothing for herself, until the very end: "You don't say anything, almost/ almost don't speak/ to me/ And it's very, very important to me that you are with me/ for me/ I want you to smile sometimes/ for me."

A gentle, guitar-laden pop beat weaves its way through the verses, often serving to deepen the sense imparted by the lyrics. This is pop in the Alon Olearchik school of music-making, and indeed, there are times when Horowitz sounds strikingly like Olearchik himself.

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## Swiss blunder again

In the latest of the long line of twists and turns in the saga of Nazi gold and Swiss banks — few of which have reflected well on the banks — the Credit Suisse Group, Swiss Bank Corp. and the Union Bank of Switzerland have banded their "final offer" of compensation on the table. It was accompanied by a belligerent pledge that they would reject "unfounded and excessive" demands for more, and blamed the World Jewish Congress (WJC) and lawyers for Holocaust victims for undermining the American-led negotiations.

Jewish Agency chairman Avraham Burg, who also heads the World Jewish Restitution Organization, was quick to condemn the offer of \$600 million and the method of its delivery as "robbery and an evil deed." Perhaps Burg, too, could have stated his case less belligerently, but it is impossible to disagree with the basic sentiment behind it.

Last April, under US auspices, negotiations were started with the Swiss banks about repayments to Holocaust victims or their heirs from the dormant wartime accounts in Swiss banks that an independent auditing team, headed by former US central banker Paul Volcker, is trying to find. The negotiations were due to reconvene Tuesday, but the abrupt "take it or leave it" offer from the three banks cannot but leave their future in doubt. The Swiss banks continue to deny that they deliberately concealed assets which German Jews deposited in Switzerland to hide from the Nazis, but they have been

forced to admit grudgingly that they "made mistakes." The banks eventually agreed to the Volcker probe with the WJC, although it was clear that a mounting threat of an American boycott of Swiss banks overshadowed the banks' lack of enthusiasm for the investigation.

In making their \$600 million offer, the banks have broken a court-ordered agreement to maintain confidentiality while talks are in progress — and then had the audacity to accuse the WJC and victims' lawyers of doing so. Swiss officialdom, in the shape of the government and central bank, has stayed out of the negotiations for fear of attracting liability, but has been pressuring the banks to settle for as low-cost a deal as possible. The Swiss government fears that substantial payments under the pending US class-action lawsuits would open the floodgates for new claims. The state could possibly be sued for turning refugees back from the border to certain death under Nazism, the central bank for taking in its hoard of looted Nazi gold.

It is clear the Swiss banks hope this strong-arm offer will close the issue and head off the class-action suits. But it may have a contrary effect — a breakdown of the no-longer confidential negotiations with the WJC and victims, and a speedy launching of the law suits in a US federal court. As usual, the Swiss will have only themselves to blame for again getting into a worse legal situation than the ones they try to weasel out of.

## Crisis non-management

The Japanese government seems to be having some trouble understanding the word "crisis" or in getting a sense of urgency into dealing with it. It is true that the United States and Japan poured billions of dollars into global currency markets last week to buy some time in the accelerating Asian economic crisis, but the intervention was ordered by US Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, not by Tokyo.

The Americans are rightly alarmed that the sinking yen is going to lead to another currency meltdown across Asia. The intervention had the desired effect as a holding action, but the real danger remains Japanese dithering over what to do next. No one reacts to confidence or the lack of it better than the currency trader. A day after the support package went into play, the market speculators again were attacking the yen, beating it back several points. The reason for their confidence in the face of intervention by the two economic superpowers is simple — they don't believe the Japanese government will take the vital measures need to restructure its economy.

US officials tend to be equally skeptical in private, but cannot be anything but positive in public for fear of making the crisis far worse. Nonetheless, they have been telling Japan to get down to business and start fixing the economy. The response has been unconvincing at best, dangerously irresponsible at worst, especially regarding its almost terminally ill banking system, which is in need of immediate and urgent

remedies.

Japan's officials seem to have coming elections on July 12 in their sights, rather than the immediately dire prediction that the next failure of the yen could send it hurtling towards 150 to the dollar. That would almost certainly start a meltdown in mainland China's economy. A reluctance to take vital long-term economic structural measures because of short-sighted electoral considerations is the last thing Japan, Asia, or the world needs right now.

The danger is becoming clearer by the day: any further weakening of the yen almost certainly will lead China to devalue its currency and import the crisis that has crippled the smaller tiger economies around it. A China economic crisis will be a real Asian crisis, heading for a world crisis. The US does not lightly spend billions of dollars supporting a foreign currency — a measure in itself of the mounting concern officials dare not show in public.

All President Bill Clinton has got from Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto so far is a promise to act "in a timely fashion," and the president admitted he didn't know if that meant Japan could do anything to clean up the economic mess before elections. The US frequently has been infuriated by Japan's failure to deliver on promises of economic reform. Japan has been so successful for so long that officials apparently still don't believe the abyss is at their feet. This time, Zen-like contemplation isn't going to make it go away.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SOCIETY OF INFORMERS

Sir, — From the standpoint of civil liberties, it's obviously problematic, as well as ludicrous, to convict a teenage girl of "failing to prevent" the assassination of a prime minister.

In the first place, the law was admittedly "rarely used," that is, invoked ad hoc. And except in cases of professional negligence, persons are usually prosecuted only for what they allegedly did, not for what they didn't do.

Moreover, the democratic right

to freedom of association, essential to a society, would seem to protect citizens from government demands to inform upon friends.

Existing laws against aiding and abetting a crime, not to mention conspiring to commit a crime, are more than adequate; a democratic nation cannot add an overriding law requiring its citizens to be informants.

In a free society, every day citizens call for and even declare their intention of facilitating the death

of heads of state, legislators, minor bureaucrats, business rivals, and referees. (In Manhattan, cab-drivers are expected to do so.) No democratic law can require that such apparent bluster be taken at its literal meaning.

STEVE AMDUR

Kibbutz HaOn.

### ROBERT PRANTNER

Sir, — Regarding Dr. Robert Prantner, referred to in "Jewish groups protest pope's plans to meet antisemitic envoy" (June 19), I indicated to your reporter that Prantner is not an employee of the Vatican. Unfortunately the word "not" was omitted from the quote.

RABBI DAVID ROSEN,

Director, ADL Israel Office, Jerusalem.

### LOST HOMES

Sir, — With regard to Daoud Kuttab's very touching article about Arab families who "lost" their homes in west Jerusalem, "Jerusalem's lost homes" (June 11), I sympathize with these families.

But why does the Arab viewpoint always have to be so unbalanced? What about the Jews who were forced to leave behind homes and businesses in Arab countries?

Where is his sympathy and compassion for them? Are Jewish tears somehow less bitter than Arab tears?

LOIS ZUR

Ra'anana.

## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On June 21, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported that 18 prominent Berlin Jews were kidnapped by the Nazis, insulted, beaten and tortured before being released.

No new developments were reported on the police investigation into the murder of Dr. Chaim Arlosoroff, but the country was alive with rumors and speculation.

50 years ago: On June 21,

1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that 23 persons were killed and 47 injured by two violent explosions which rocked the Jewish Quarter of Cairo, destroying five houses and damaging 30 others.

Another food convoy from Tel Aviv reached Jerusalem via the main road. Negotiations were under way between the International Red Cross and UN to arrange for more convoys to bring food and medical supplies

to the city. 23 years ago: On June 21, 1973, *The Palestine Post* reported that defense minister Moshe Dayan cautioned Jewish settlers in Kiryat Arba against demanding the expropriation of surrounding lands for settlement expansion, stating that priority should be given to establishing good relations between Kiryat Arba and Hebron.

Alexander Zivelli



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## Conversion absurdity

The announcement by the government that, under the supervision of Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein, it was preparing a "uniform conversion law" for presentation to the Knesset is certainly the ultimate absurdity.

Since when is the subject of conversion a matter for decision by a secular body such as the Knesset? What business has a body of popularly elected politicians — most of whom are not religious and recognize no religious authority whatsoever, some of whom are not even Jewish — regulating that most religious of all subjects, conversion? Were it not for two features of Israeli life this subject would never come up. The first is that we insist on registering people as Jews in our identity cards — something we would resent terribly if done anywhere else. The second is that Jews receive special rights in regard to immigration under the Law of Return. Therefore the state must know "who is a Jew."

Neither of these is a religious matter. The category of the identity card registration is not even religion but "nationality." Therefore the fuss being made about "conversion" by the religious parties is absurd and could be dismissed as farce were it not for the fact that it reflects yet another attempt to utilize the power of the secular state in order to establish an Orthodox monopoly in Israel.

The elimination of the nationality category would take care of the first matter. As it is, the Chief Rabbinate does not place any value on one's being registered as a Jew by the Interior Ministry. Why, therefore, should the rabbinate care if this clause is eliminated or if those they do not consider to be proselytes are registered as Jews?

As for the second matter, considering the fact that 250,000 non-Jews have recently come to Israel from the former Soviet Union under the Law of the Return, what would a few more matter?

### REUVEN HAMMER

The argument that recognition of non-Orthodox conversions would flood the country with thousands of undesirables is absurd. If ever there were a red herring it is the contention that the Conservative movement is about to convert thousands of Romanian workers in order to permit them to live in Israel.

**There is no uniformity of any religious authority within Judaism. It is doubtful if there ever has been**

Allowing the Interior Ministry to deny citizenship to those proven to be falsifying their request would solve this difficulty — in the unlikely event that it should ever arise.

Therefore, it is clear that the motivation for refusing to register those converted in Israel by non-Orthodox groups, is simply another part of the Orthodox parties' struggle to prevent the growth of the Conservative and Reform movements in Israel. This is a campaign that the government should avoid as it would the plague.

THERE are those who are genuinely concerned that conversion by various courts will lead to a situation in which Jews will not be able to marry other Jews because their conversions will not be recognized.

This is a problem which could be solved by mutual agreements, but will never be solved by governmental decree. We must recognize that there is no uniformity of any religious authority within Judaism and it is doubtful if there ever has been.

That is the nature of Judaism.

The Chief Rabbinate is not a Jewish institution. It is nowhere mentioned in the Bible, the Mishna, the Talmud or the Codes. Even Orthodox conversions are not universally recognized. Therefore no Israeli law can eliminate the problem of conversions not accepted by all. This will continue throughout the world no matter what the Knesset may decide.

We will have to live with this problem in Israel as out of it. The practice in Israel has been to recognize conversions performed overseas by any of the major groups recognized in Judaism today for civil — not religious — purposes. What would be so wrong with extending that to Israel? It is absurd that those I convert in New York, London or Argentina are recognized as Jews by Israel, but not those I convert in the holy city of Jerusalem.

Should the Chief Rabbinate prove capable of flexibility and be willing to convert those sincere converts who turn to it within the maximum liberality provided by Jewish law, including those who are trained by the proposed joint institutes, they will find that many, if not most converts will come to them. If they continue on their current path, nothing will change.

No matter what, the state should distance itself from regulating the conversion process and imposing "uniformity" when there is so much diversity.

Any such law, no matter how artfully disguised, will only succeed in alienating world Jewry from Israel, and in adding to the already intolerable burden of religious coercion in Israel that is driving more and more Israelis away from any understanding of, or sympathy for, the Jewish tradition.

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## Clinton's civic lesson

Amidst all the hullabaloo about Kenneth Starr's off-the-record press briefings, one important point is being neglected. Whether Starr's leaks did or did not violate federal law, what he and his office did is standard operating procedure for prosecutors — both federal and state — around the United States.

Every day, federal prosecutors — many appointed by President Clinton — leak negative information about ongoing investigations. They do so for a variety of reasons: self aggrandizement; to put pressure on potential witnesses and defendants; to curry favor with the media; to attempt to influence the jury pool; and to generate favorable public opinion for their office.

They always justify what they are doing by claiming that there are "legitimate" law-enforcement purposes behind their leaks. But if the purposes are legitimate, why does the information have to be leaked? Why can't it simply be disclosed in a press release?

For years, federal courts have bemoaned the constant leaks from federal prosecutors, sometimes characterizing them as "hemorrhages." Often the leaks are channeled through FBI agents or other surrogates so as to give the prosecutors plausible deniability in the event they are summoned into court.

But the effect is the same: prosecutors too often try their cases in the media, for entirely illegitimate reasons. The media encourages such "trial by press" because it serves their interests as well. This requires defense attorneys to defend their clients in the media, though most defendants would prefer that their names never appear in the press.

Now that President Clinton has himself been victimized by prosecutorial press leaks, perhaps he

### ALAN DERSHOWITZ

will do something about the general problem. He can begin by directing his Justice Department to forbid all leaks concerning ongoing investigations and by firing those US attorneys who make a practice of leaking such information.

I can provide him a list of names of such prosecutors, but the Justice Department knows who they are. Indeed, the Justice Department itself has been guilty of such leaks and knows how to plug them if it wants to. But it has chosen not to.

For this reason, it would be entirely inappropriate and hypocritical for the Justice Department to conduct an investigation of Kenneth Starr's leaks. It would be putting the fox in charge of investigating the chickens, since Starr is simply following well-established, if improper, Justice Department practices.

What's needed is a truly independent investigation by a lawyer with experience both as a prosecutor and a defense attorney, or perhaps by a former judge who has seen all sides of the issue.

It is unlikely that we will get such an investigation because press leaks have become an important, if unfair, weapon of prosecution. The White House will continue to complain about prosecutorial press leaks damaging to the president, but it will ignore the more general problem, which is far more serious since most nonpresidential subjects of criminal investigations lack the resources necessary to respond to prosecutorial leaks.

This White House has done an effective job in focusing attention on the prosecutorial abuses of this independent counsel, including selective leaks, unfair

pressure on witnesses and other questionable investigative tactics.

It has provided a civic lesson to all Americans about the importance of the Bill of Rights to anyone suspected of crime. But this important lesson will be undercut unless President Clinton and his administration generalize their criticisms to prosecutorial abuses directed against others.

"Due process for me but not for thee" is an inappropriate message for a president to send. Yet this White House, which has been so appropriately vigorous in defense of President Clinton's rights, has been relatively silent about the rights of others faced with comparable prosecutorial abuses.

There is an old saying that "a conservative is a liberal who has been mugged." My response is: "Yes, and a civil libertarian is a president with an independent counsel out to get him."

President Clinton has become a civil libertarian, but only when it comes to his own prosecutorial victimization. He is right to complain. Kenneth Starr has employed improper prosecutorial tactics against him, and as president he is neither above nor below the law. But nor is he the only victim of the prosecutorial abuses about which the White House is complaining.

President Clinton's political advisers have told him that supporting the constitutional rights of persons charged with crime is bad politics, and Clinton has listened to their advice. Now he wonders why the American public is not as critical of Starr's tactics as he thinks they ought to be.

Perhaps the answer lies in his failure to use his office as a bully pulpit for the constitutional rights of all citizens. It is not too late for the president to begin.

(United Feature Syndicate)

## Barak under siege

### DANIEL BLOCH

Prime minister Levi Eshkol, on a state visit to an African country, was told by its ruler that several days before the visit several government ministers were hanged for treason. "These days," boasted the dictator — "we only hang them, we don't eat them."

Eshkol, when reporting this to his entourage, remarked in Yiddish — "with us, in the Labor Party it's the opposite — we just eat our leaders, not hang them."

The Labor Party has never been kind to its leaders. Except for very short periods, mainly at the height of David Ben-Gurion's and Golda Meir's popularity, there has always been a constant challenge to the leadership. Aside from the sniping at Ben-Gurion and Eshkol, Yigal Allon fought Moshe Dayan, Shimon Peres challenged Yitzhak Rabin and vice versa and almost everybody is against Ehud Barak — before he has even had a chance to prove himself.

The leaders on the Right were luckier. Menachem Begin had to fight off only two real challenges in more than 30 years — Shmuel Tamir and Ezer Weizman. Yitzhak Shamir faced no internal challenge until he resigned after losing the 1992 elections. Binyamin Netanyahu so far has faced only one semi-rebellion, but he seems secure as Likud leader until after the next elections.

No such luck for Barak. Almost from day one, there were too many elements inside the party that did not accept his victory. A few stated it publicly, the rest preferred rumors, innuendoes and leaks from unnamed sources. Barak's strong military style and lack of political experience helped his opponents. He added oil to the fire with his Nixonesque paranoia: Anybody who does not agree with him and does not support him 100 percent is labeled a potential enemy. He chose the wrong advisers, his public relations operation is a shambles, suffering from a sheer lack of credibility, and the number of his one-time supporters, disappointed by his performance,

**The Labor Party has never been kind to its leaders**

can fill the Ramat Gan stadium. Barak moves erratically back and forth from one side of the Labor Party to the other, alienating some of his original supporters, and failing to include in the decision-making process all those who should have a voice.

Barak is now trying to correct past mistakes in his relations with his predecessor, Shimon Peres. But in the meantime, he has also ruined his relationships with proven popular figures such as Uzi Baran and Shlomo Ben-Ami.

He fights unwisely with Avraham Burg, who is, whether he likes it or not, an elected head of an important organization, one of the very few remaining positions in the hands of the Labor Party. Barak's mistakes in trying to prevent Ron Huldai from running in Tel Aviv now look so ridiculous in the face of Ronni Milo's decision to run for prime minister and not for mayor.

BARAK'S main problem remains his lackluster performance in the opinion polls. He still does not project warmth, charisma and compassion. People do not understand where he stands in matters of policy, especially on internal social and economic affairs. In matters of the peace process, he is too vague. Many question the real differences between him and Netanyahu, except Barak's lack of a public-relations wizard a-la Finkelstein.

It is time for Barak to move forward, define where he stands on the important issues, abandon his paranoid fears and unite all the important personalities and forces that support the peace process and his party's values.

In spite of all the criticism, the Labor Party has no alternative. There is no one who can challenge him without splitting the party, and losing all chances of winning the next elections.

Barak has to give Netanyahu the security net needed in the Knesset to carry out the next phase of redeployment — if the prime minister is ready to do it right away.

Barak should also make it clear he is ready to join a government of national unity, based on the continuation of the peace process and the adoption of a different social and economic policy. This policy should focus on restoring full employment, renewed growth and a different order of priorities, especially the allocation of more money to education and infrastructure and less to the interests of the religious parties.

In such a government, Barak must take the defense portfolio, and not foreign affairs — which is realistically in the hands of Netanyahu — and Labor has to put the education portfolio at the top of its demands. This is the only way for Barak to end the siege on his leadership.



# The 'Monica Effect' angers interns

After her namesake turned "White House intern" into the most infamous job title since "Nigerian dictator," Monica Shah's parents decided that perhaps it would be best if the University of Pennsylvania junior did not apply for a summer internship in the White House.

"They were kind of embarrassed," says Shah, 20, now an intern at the US Chamber of Commerce's US-India Business Council and "quite happy, thank you. It definitely ruined the reputation of the program."

While Shah's experience is undoubtedly extreme — the number of applications for White House internships hasn't dropped — it indicates the changing public attitude toward interns in this post-Monica Lewinsky era.

To be more precise, there never used to be an attitude about White House interns. Now there is.

"No one ever really talked about interns too much before; now the only reason they talk about them is for pretty negative reasons," says Jacob Goldstein, who finished an internship in President Clinton's speech-writing office last month.

Ever since January, when allegations of a sexual relationship between former intern Lewinsky and Clinton surfaced, interns of all sorts have encountered a public fascination with their jobs, Washington interns especially. And it doesn't help that their poster girl is currently vamping on the pages of *Vanity Fair*.

As college kids infest the city this summer to caress phones and keep photocopyers company, they face a barrage of jokes and, some say, a lack of respect, even self-doubt.

"I'm nervous about putting it on my resume," says one man who starts a White House internship July 8. "My GPA [Grade Point Average] is 3.7, 3.8. I don't want to have that belittled by the fact that I interned somewhere."

"It's a very hard job to get. I'm

There never used to be an attitude about White House interns. After Monica Lewinsky, there is.  
**Michael Colton reports**



That embrace: Will the image of Washington interns as career-driven social climbers last forever? (Reuters)

worried that [Lewinsky] cheapened the whole thing." Since White House interns are not supposed to talk to the media, the man refused to give his name or any distinguishing characteristics.

Before January, a White House internship was considered prestigious grunt work — long hours and no pay, but with occasional glimpses of big shots, and a chance to make important contacts for future jobs. In this post-Monica era, interns suffer from too much recognition.

DURING the first few months of the scandal, former and current White House interns were much in demand.

"The media talked to us a lot back then," says Jason Gichner, an intern in the White House office of inter-governmental affairs from December until March. "Sam Donaldson would pull you aside."

And there were the jokes. Via E-mail and late-night television, "White House intern" has become a universal punch line.

Virtually every intern in the city has heard the exact same thing, says Brooke Bohnenkamp, 21, an intern for Rep. John Thune, R-S.D., as she drinks beer with fellow interns at Garrett's in Georgetown.

"I think every girl coming out here heard the exact same thing," says Brooke Bohnenkamp, 21, an intern for Rep. John Thune, R-S.D., as she drinks beer with fellow interns at Garrett's in Georgetown.

On a recent weekend, "I'm from Gettysburg, S.D., and they said, 'We don't want you putting us on the map for that!'"

On the first Saturday in June, interns flocked to Champions in Georgetown for an "Intern Social Club," as the sign said out front. And underneath, a sly remark: "Sorry, He Won't Be Here!!"

No one was talking about the Monica Effect. But if prodded, they all had anecdotes.

One man, a White House intern since May 13, says he applied because its prestige counters any bad reputation. The most common crack he's heard, he says, is, "You should go after Hillary and get even."

"My grandparents send me articles about Monica and about how interns are sex-crazed," says Alex Seacco, 21, a State Department intern. Shah says it never really interested her. "I think it's probably a pretty worthless job. I don't think they do that much."

Marissa Billowitz, 21, an intern for the Latin America Working Group, is more blunt: "I work for a nonprofit. We're actually doing something, not being chased around the desk by some senator."

This is exactly the attitude Shannah, who did not want to reveal her last name, frets about. An intern for a congressman whom she respects "more than anything," Shannah, who did not want to give her boss's name either, believes Lewinsky offered the public an image of the Washington intern as career-driven social climber.

"She really gives our generation a bad name, and shows us to be selfish and self-driven," says the young woman, 19. "Now everyone assumes you're irresponsible. My job has become a joke to people, when I feel I'm doing important things."

In addition to making men in Washington "look like scum bags," because of the scandal, Shannah says, "America has been further disillusioned... because they cease to believe in the meritocracy anymore."

White House interns are quick to defend the rigorous application procedure, which requires a college transcript, two letters of recommendation, a writing sample and a personal essay. These interns, for the most part, love their jobs.

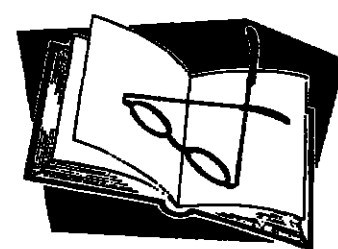
"It was one of the best experiences I ever had," says one woman. A White House intern in January when the Lewinsky scandal broke, "The White House works on volunteers. Their work is so valuable. It's a shame if this stops people from interning." (Washington Post)



Wally Lamb: You'd never know he was a man by the way he writes about women, Oprah Winfrey told viewers. (Los Angeles Times)

## Cinderella Wally

### Book Review



By Jocelyn McClurg

Wally Lamb doubts that lightning — in the form of Oprah Winfrey — will strike twice.

But that doesn't mean expectations aren't high for Lamb's second novel, *I Know This Much Is True* (ReganBooks, \$27.50).

It's his first book since 1992's *She's Come Undone*, which became a huge best seller last year after Winfrey chose the novel for her popular on-air book club.

The easygoing Lamb, dressed casually in a plaid shirt and jeans, seems unruffled by the pressure.

"I wrote the best book that I could," he says during an interview at his spacious contemporary house on a quiet street in Mansfield, Conn. "It becomes not yours anymore once you say, 'I'm finished.'"

*She's Come Undone* received good reviews and sold respectably for a first novel when it was originally published. Then it got a second life and became a No. 1 paperback best seller after Winfrey urged her audience to read the funny-sad story of

I feel sort of jerked around by the story rather than vice-versa."

After *She's Come Undone* was published, Lamb took a leave of absence in 1992 from his long-time teaching job at Norwich Free Academy to begin his second novel. He had a contract that gave him about two years to write the book, even though he had spent eight years laboring over *She's Come Undone*. Five and a half years later, he delivered the manuscript for *I Know This Much Is True*.

"I was literally sobbing as I was working on the last paragraph," Lamb recalls. It was partly relief and partly an abiding fear that he would never finish. The dreaded sophomore slump plagues many writers.

The last years of writing the book had been personally difficult — his mother had a stroke, his brother-in-law was killed in a skiing accident and several of his students and a close friend died.

And Lamb and his wife, already the parents of two sons, adopted a little boy whose parents are severe alcoholics.

"One of the things that really was very much on my mind while I was writing this book was emotional trauma during childhood and survival," Lamb says. He says part of his attraction to emotional pain as subject matter comes from being a writer of teenagers, who often write about their own problems.

And then along came Oprah — which was a blessing and a bit of a curse, at least in getting *This Much I Know Is True* finished.

**Lamb, who is drawn to people's emotional pain, is one of only three male authors Winfrey has tapped for her popular on-air book club**

Dolores Price, who battles a litany of demons (including being raped as a teenager) through food.

Now, with three million copies in print of *She's Come Undone*, the newly rich Lamb acknowledges that his life as a fiction writer is a "Cinderella" story.

Lamb, who is drawn to people's emotional pain, is one of only three male authors Winfrey has tapped for her popular on-air book club. (The others are Ernest Gaines and Bill Cosby). "But you'd never know [he was a man] by the way he writes about women," Winfrey told viewers in January 1997. "He really gets women."

Will the women who've loved *She's Come Undone* and related to the struggles of Dolores Price embrace Lamb's new male narrator — a 40-year-old divorced house painter named Dominick Birdsey? "I think Dolores and Dominick are two sides of the same coin," says Lamb. 47. What binds them is their anger — and their humor.

Dominick, says his creator, is "such a wise-ass." A page-turner at nearly 900 pages, *I Know This Much Is True* unravels the strange family ties that bind the likable Dominick to his past and his future — unless he can "renovate" his troubled life.

Early reviews have been mixed. *Publishers Weekly* liked the book, calling it "a fully developed and triumphantly resolved exploration of one man's suffering and redemption." *Kirkus* praised aspects of the novel, saying it will be a "probable commercial bonanza." But the magazine's reviewer criticized the novel's "daunting bulk" and said it was "annoyingly slick" because it "pushes all the appropriate topical buttons (child abuse, AIDS, New Age psychobabble, Native American dignity, and others)."

Lamb was taken aback by the "slick" label. "There's an assumption sometimes made that I'm somehow calculating the plot and have an eye and an ear cocked on the dysfunction of the moment or what happens to be fashionable to investigate in the popular culture," Lamb says. "I don't at all write that way. In no way am I the master puppeteer. Very often

Lamb rented an apartment in Willimantic, Conn., where he could write and escape the phone that never stopped ringing.

Lamb followed his editor, the flamboyant Judith Regan, to HarperCollins from Pocket Books, which published *She's Come Undone* in hardcover. He received a six-figure advance for the new book that was only a bit higher than the \$150,000 advance he got for *She's Come Undone*. (Even after Oprah, Lamb didn't ask for a larger advance, but he will make more on royalties if the book sells well.) The first printing for *This Much I Know Is True* is a sizable 250,000 copies (10 times as many copies as *She's Come Undone* originally sold in hardcover).

Oprah has been sent a copy of the new novel and is reportedly reading it.

"I'm thrilled to death that she's reading it," Lamb says. Being tapped for Oprah's Book Club "was so validating and a bit surreal at times — but she's the real thing in terms of her love of reading."

Lamb won't talk about his bank account; he's still the modest guy he was back when he was an unknown with a first novel. He shares his writing with his local writing group. He resigned from Norwich Free Academy this year not to become a full-time writer but to join the University of Connecticut faculty as an associate professor and director of University of Connecticut's creative writing program.

Yes, his life divides neatly into "pre-Oprah and post-Oprah," but Lamb says much about his life hasn't changed. "I'm still adamant about making sure that my writing is third or fourth on my list of priorities." What comes first? His wife, his kids, being a good son and teaching, "which is just as important to me as writing," he says.

After a "fairly long recovery period," he'll sit down and start another book. What can his readers expect? "I've got ideas swirling in my head," Lamb says coyly, "but I've learned along the way to be ready for the unexpected when I sit down and write." (The Hartford Courant)

## The public's right to know

### Earthly Concerns



By D'vora Ben Shaul

One of the most important and far-reaching pieces of legislation to be enacted by the Knesset in a decade or more passed into law on May 28 this year.

For the first time the Israeli citizen is entitled by law to information in the possession of government offices, local councils and government-owned corporations.

For Israelis, particularly those with an interest in the environment, this Freedom of Information Law is revolutionary, opening up access to data that ministries and other official bureaus have traditionally considered their own private property.

While in individual cases the courts have supported the right of certain citizens' bodies to specific information, this is the first time such access has been legislated as a basic right.

We have seen absurdities — such as a panel of experts appointed by

the Prime Minister's Office and the Environment Ministry unable to receive the results of water sampling countrywide, and a blanket refusal by local authorities to release information on water quality in their areas.

We have seen the Health and Agriculture ministries flatly refusing to release material on pesticides in food, or on hormones used in producing meat, fish and dairy products; and a whole host of other refusals emanating from the totally undemocratic attitudes of Israeli bureaucracy.

Naturally, certain types of information are exempt from this law, the most important being the area of national security.

No one expects the IDF or Defense Ministry to disclose all the information they have. That would be totally absurd. But the police can no longer refuse to impart information to the public, and the law now requires all concerned agencies to publish reports on their activities and provide information when requested.

Requests for information will be on a simple form and must be processed within 30 days. The responsible agency will then have another 15 days to provide the material requested.

Opponents of the new law — and there are many in the government offices — are pinning their hopes on one clause they managed to insert, which states that the law will not

apply in cases where releasing information would endanger national security and/or "be inimical to the public welfare."

It is over this clause that the real battle to protect this law will be fought. Some ministries and bureaus will attempt to deny the public access to information, citing its "welfare" as the reason.

When, a week after the nuclear meltdown in Chernobyl, Israel had a heavy rainfall, monitoring equipment showed a very sharp rise in ground-level radiation.

Then health minister Mordechai Gur refused to release the information, saying it was "very complicated, and the public would not understand it." It was not, in other words, in the public interest to make the information available.

Plays like this will no doubt be tried, and they must be challenged in court. Journalists, researchers, environmentalists, safety experts and concerned citizens need to band together to see that the new law is not defeated by stonewalling and evasive tactics.

For further information, contact the Israel Union for Environmental Defense — iued@netvision.net.il — which was one of the organizations responsible for getting the law through the Knesset.

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## TELL ME WHY

## Sunrise or sunset – it's difficult to tell

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Photos of sunsets and sunrises always look the same to me. Is there any difference between them? Yossi, Tel Aviv.

Prof. Ariel Cohen, head of the department of atmospheric sciences and astronomy at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, comments.

You're right. There's no difference between the way the sun looks at sunrise in the morning or at sunset in the late afternoon – except when there are differences in the atmospheric particles of the sky.

When the sun rises in the east and is observed in Israel, the air in the east may have larger particles such as sand, which make the colors at sunrise more white or yellow.

The sun sets in the West over the Mediterranean Sea, where the air generally has much smaller particles, making the sunset redder.

The type and amount of clouds in east and west can also affect the way the sky looks at sunrise and sunset.

However, aside from this, the sun looks the same – a bit squashed when it's close to the horizon – at both sunrise and at sunset.

The size of the sun's vertical diameter appears to be five-sixths of its vertical diameter when it's at the horizon, giving it the illusion that it isn't a perfect circle.

It takes the same amount of time for the sun to rise and set, and differences in atmospheric temperature don't affect the scene.

So, in general, a photo showing a sunset could easily be mistaken for one of a rising sun.

At work we have paper recycling bins. I often get envelopes and other material stamped with a symbol showing they were recycled.

I always wonder whether I should put them in the recycling bin again.

Can you recycle recycled paper without limit? And can thermal fax-machine paper be recycled? Shmuel, Bnei Brak.

Michael Dimor, director of a tissue-making company that is part of the American-Israel Paper Mills in Hadera, answers:

You will be happy to know that paper can be recycled an unlimited number of times.

There are special processes that remove materials that can't be used.

Thermal fax paper is so coated with chemicals that it's best if you don't recycle it.

But if you do, the unusable parts will be pulled out in the process.

Exercise gets the heart beating rapidly and oxygen consumption is high. This is desirable. Stress has the same effect, but is undesirable.



A photo showing a setting sun could easily be mistaken for one of the sun rising – but both are beautiful.

(Brian Hendler)

What are the physiological differences between exercise and stress? Atara, Beersheba.

Dr. Na'ama Constantini, a family physician and sports medicine expert at Netanya's Wingate

Institute for Physical Education, replies:

Stress, as in exercise, causes

the heart to beat faster and increases blood pressure and the production of a variety of hormones.

But stress triggers these physiological reactions artificially.

During exercise, the muscles work and consume oxygen. This is beneficial if the person is in good shape and the heart and lungs can supply enough oxygen to the muscles.

But in times of stress and anxiety, the muscles are barely affected (except for the fight-or-flight reflex that has ensured human survival over the ages) and the aerobic effects are short-lived.

Also, one should begin exercise gradually and slowly, build up to more aerobic activity. In contrast, in a stress situation aerobic effects are usually not gradual, and they involve only the heart, not the muscles.

We always recommend that anyone starting a sports activity first get a physical checkup, especially after 40, to see if their body can handle the increased demand for oxygen.

Sudden strenuous exercise can be harmful or even fatal, just as accumulated stress can put a heavy burden on the heart.

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## Going after big fish in a small gene pool

By MARY WILLIAMS WALSH

Scientists are prospecting in Reykjavik, Iceland, not for gold or oil, but for DNA. A rare combination of factors in Iceland – a national fascination with genealogy, a highly homogeneous population, a past fraught with disease and disaster is transforming this small land into a unique and potentially lucrative front of genetic learning.

"We have an opportunity to do the best human genetics done anywhere in the world," said Kari Stefansson, a former Harvard Medical School professor turned "DNA prospector."

His words may sound outlandish, perhaps, but they are matched by an outsize dream – one of gathering the entire genealogy of his homeland and cross-referencing it with Iceland's excellent collection of medical records dating to 1915.

To this one-of-a-kind database would be added the DNA samples of countless Icelandic donors, plus the information gleaned from an extraordinary collection of tissue samples, preserved in wax blocks, of every Icelander who has been autopsied since the 1930s.

The purpose: to identify the precise genetic causes of the 3,000 to 4,000 diseases believed to be hereditary. Armed with that information, pharmaceutical companies and others presumably will have an easier time finding treatments, diagnostic tests and preventive methods.

A population such as Iceland's is extremely attractive to genetics researchers, who will roam the earth – financed by biotechnology companies – to study secluded peoples with high incidence of disease. The reason is that disease-causing genes are believed to stand out more clearly against a uniform background than against one complicated by ethnic mixing.

But no one has attempted anything on the scale of Stefansson's project, for which the neuropathologist gave up a tenured professorship at Harvard Medical School two years ago. "We are creating new knowledge," said Stefansson.

Despite Stefansson's assurances of privacy, some Icelanders fear that family health secrets could leak out and somehow be used against them, perhaps by private insurers. In addition, some ethicists have begun alleging that DNA prospectors like Stefansson are committing



Icelanders are highly attractive to genetics researchers because the population of 270,000 is nearly homogeneous.

(Camera Press Ltd)

a new offense they call "bio-piracy," exploiting remote peoples for their precious DNA.

But such concerns have not deterred Stefansson, who – with \$12 million in venture capital in his bank account – founded a company, deCODE Genetics Inc., and equipped a research lab that eclipses anything previously available at Iceland's best hospitals. He has hired a staff of nearly 200 and signed a multimillion-dollar contract with the Swiss drug giant Hoffmann-La Roche to seek the genes that are believed to cause 12 diseases, including schizophrenia, Alzheimer's disease and stroke.

In the process, he has caught the eye of biotechnology securities analysts, who expect his start-up company to go public within a year. Happily for Iceland, the terms stipulate that if Stefansson's project gives rise to any treatments, Icelanders will get them free.

Few non-Icelanders have moved here since the Vikings first settled the island in over 1,100 years ago. Since then, the indigenous popula-

tion has twice been harshly "culled": A bubonic plague outbreak in the 15th century wiped out more than half the population, and a volcanic eruption in the 18th century caused widespread famine. These catastrophes severely reduced the number of people for Icelanders to choose as their mates, leaving today's population of 270,000 nearly homogeneous.

"If you choose two Icelanders in the 20th century, it's very likely that they are distantly related," said Hakon Gudbjartsson, chief computer engineer for deCODE. He added that within three years, the company will have acquired and computerized all such Icelandic family data going back to the 17th century.

While the department does that, deCODE's laboratory researchers have begun receiving blood samples from Icelandic medical patients and extracting the DNA they contain. The DNA, which can be preserved indefinitely, will be cross-indexed against the genealogy database. First, however, both the DNA and the family trees must

be encrypted off-premises by a government Data Protection Commission to protect the participants' privacy.

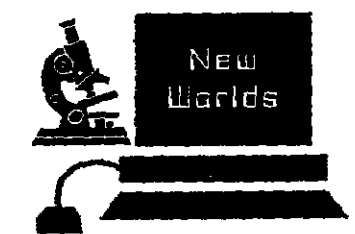
But some people are angry or worried. Alfred Arnason, chief geneticist at the Reykjavik blood bank, says he can't understand how Stefansson can sell this information to companies without making it proprietary.

And if the Harvard professor is allowed to copyright his database, Arnason said, what will become of the other scientists who now freely use Iceland's national health records for research, lower in profile and smaller in scope though their work may be?

Stefansson, for his part, said he understands the misgivings about the increasing role of private industry in medical research. But he argued that human genetics research has become so costly that it can't progress without the big grants and enormous pools of shared data that only the private sector can provide.

(The Los Angeles Times)

## Computer people get their own phone book



By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

More than 40,000 copies of the 332-page, countrywide directory have been printed. Although it's in Hebrew, there is a one-and-a-half-page English-language index. It includes a large variety of fields: multimedia, job training, hardware, Internet, peripheral equipment, data security, technicians, wholesalers and retailers.

Called *Madrich Tikshoret U'Makshevin Shel Dapei Zahav 98/99*, it contains the most updated contacts available on the subject. Aside from names of over 3,000 companies and organizations with their phone numbers, there is a dictionary of technical terms and the abbreviations commonly used in E-mail and chat groups. The directory also includes advice, provided by PC Magazine, on what you need when you buy a computer for your home or office.

Surprisingly, E-mail addresses appear in the directory only in spot ads placed by some of the companies and were not added to the company listings.

Golden Pages is currently working on a separate E-mail directory of computer-related companies, although putting the data together would have been a better idea.

Nevertheless, the directory is extremely helpful, and it's free – distributed by companies working in the field, schools, local authorities and post offices. Given the fast-changing nature of the subject, the directory will be

updated yearly.

## TAPE MACHINE FOR THE BLIND

Blind people will need plenty of money to buy the new audio cassette recorder and player just put on the market by Sony.

Especially designed for the visually disabled, the NIS 1,220, light-weight machine plays extra long tapes that allow the listener to hear an entire book without changing the cassette.

The tape player, which is the size and weight of an ordinary Walkman, operates at two speeds and has a digital pitch that allows high-speed playback without sound distortion.

A beep sounds when the battery has to be changed. The device is

being sold at Sony outlets, the Shekhem, Hamashbir and electronics shops.

## COMPUTER RECESS

Pupils at the Gilboa Elementary School in Beit She'an will soon be spending less of their recess outdoors.

The school will get 49 PCs and software this month as part of a NIS 500,000 agreement signed by the Beit-She'an Municipality and Eurocom. Twenty of the PCs will be installed in first, second and third grade classrooms. Others will be put into the science lab and the rest will be hooked up in the school's corridors for pupils to use whenever they wish – including during classroom breaks.

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Golden Pages' phone directory for computer and communications companies is helpful, though it has few e-mail addresses.

## How to deal with the asteroids' 'Chicken Little'

By KATHY SAWYER

How do you announce doomsday? And when it doesn't happen, how do you explain it? Definitely not the way astronomers did a couple of months ago when they dealt with an embarrassing false alarm about the Earth being threatened by an "asteroid collision." Now they've drawn up guidelines designed to avoid a repeat performance.

But the question remains unsettled. The incident involving the 2.5-kilometer-wide asteroid 1997 XF11 triggered a bitter feud that still simmers within the small, intensely competitive community of specialists who study the potentially lethal chunks of rubble that whiz through Earth's neighborhood.

These same scientists helped develop the new guidelines and must ultimately make them work.

But they continue to disagree intensely

about what they should actually do "next time."

How should they disseminate the information and who decides at what point a public alarm is justified? Some denounce the approach that produced the "Chicken Little" furor as irresponsibly hasty and sensational, while others charge that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's new prescription amounts to government censorship.

"All the ugly feeling is literally making me sick," says Elinor Helin, a veteran asteroid tracker at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, California, whose team located key data concerning the path of asteroid XF11 that were decisive in ending the scare the day after it began.

She is pained and sleepless, she says, over the barrage of criticism being heaped on her friend and colleague, astronomer Brian Marsden, who triggered the furor

when he announced that the asteroid might strike Earth on October 26, 2028. Marsden operates the Minor Planet Center and the International Astronomical Union's Central Bureau for Astronomical Telegrams, which operates in Massachusetts and spreads news of detected objects to scientists around the world.

This was the first time scientists had detected such a big object headed for such a close encounter with Earth. But NASA officials said they expect the issue to arise more often in the future, as improved techniques and technologies reduce the enormous difficulties involved in detecting these small, dark, distant and fast-moving objects, known collectively as Near-Earth Objects (NEOs).

Observers say they have located only about a tenth of the estimated 2,000 asteroids and comets larger than a kilometer in diameter in orbits that could someday intersect with Earth's. Because

so few have been detected, according to astronomer David Morrison of NASA's Ames Research Center, the most likely amount of preparation time Earthlings will have is "zero. They'll know, when they feel the ground start to shake and see the bright light on the horizon."

But when scientists do detect a threatening object, NASA officials assert, the scientific community cannot afford to treat that news the same as they do the thousands of less-portentous observations that pour into Marsden's central clearing house. Rather, they insist, scientists must weigh any predictions about life-threatening cosmic objects with the same regard for public safety and good order as is applied in warnings about hurricanes, floods and other emergencies.

"Crying wolf," they note, damages scientists' hard-won credibility and bolsters critics who charge they sometimes sensationalize their findings to garner polit-

ical and financial support. The March dust-up, for example, prompted pundits and comedians to ridicule dismayed astronomers for incompetence at math as well as carelessness about triggering a global alarm.

NASA ultimately hopes to develop a broad agreement that will involve the international science community, as well as the news media. The new guidelines require that "no hazard or threat prediction statements will be released without verification and consensus" among only two or three dozen experts in this tricky and demanding field. Marsden is to provide relevant information on dangerous objects to fellow experts "within 24 hours of receipt, and NASA's science office is to be informed 24 hours in advance of any public report of a Potentially Hazardous Object."

Marsden, a world master at computing orbits who has now become the man in

the hot seat, announced on Wednesday, March 11, that asteroid XF11 was "virtually certain" to pass within the distance of the moon and that it could actually collide with Earth in 30 years, inflicting global damage. Though his alert was faced with cautions that the worst-case outcome was unlikely, the news landed like a bombshell, triggering a global media frenzy.

After the calculations were found to be wrong and the threat exaggerated, Marsden apologized to NASA officials for allowing them to be taken unaware, but he and his defenders maintain that he followed the same proper scientific procedures with which he has always conducted his shoe-string operation.

"This is still the closest approach of a large object to the Earth that we know about, and that is why I don't apologize for the way we handled it. This object was so close it stopped the computer."

(The Washington Post)





Germany's Prof. Friedrich Mohr (left foreground) uses robots as the cutting edge of heart surgery.

## My surgeon, the robot

Automatons fiddling around inside one's vital organs? The very thought of it is enough to trigger palpitations. But robotics is just one fast-growing field, Judy Siegel-Itzkovich writes

Given the tendency of computers, videos and other electronic devices to go on the blink when you most need them, the idea of computerized robots fiddling around inside one's body and even doing surgery is enough to trigger heart palpitations in most people.

But robotics, along with more advanced supportive stents and other procedures, are literally on the cutting edge of cardiology and vascular surgery today.

These developments were presented earlier this month to a sometimes awe-struck audience of hundreds at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza in Jerusalem, where they attended Shaare Zedek Hospital's Third International Symposium on Cardiology and Cardio-Thoracic Surgery. The field has advanced significantly in just the two years since the Jerusalem hospital hosted its last symposium on the subject. Then, its own auditorium was spacious enough to hold all the Israeli physicians and nurses who were interested; but this time, the ballroom of the hotel was too small to accommodate the overflow audience, which included some 100 guests from abroad. When Shaare Zedek's next heart symposium is held in the year 2000, technological advances may be so pronounced that what seems science fiction today could be applied tomorrow.

The symposium was presided over by Prof. Dan Tzivoni, head of the hospital's Jerselson Heart Center; Dr. Dani Bitran, head of the cardiothoracic surgery division; and Dr. Yaron Almogor, head of the catheterization unit. A number of leading Israeli and foreign cardiologists and cardio-thoracic surgeons took part in the operations, procedures and panel discussions.

"Catheterization specialists are branching out to other parts of the body," Tzivoni explained. "They not only clean out clogged coronary arteries and use balloons on the end of a catheter to leave metallic stents to keep them open — they do the same procedure in blood vessels leading to the head and the kidneys and in the legs."

Since many of the patients are elderly with chronic illnesses that can make surgery dangerous, the less-invasive catheterization procedures can be used safely to reduce the risk of strokes and the need for dialysis or leg amputation in some patients.

"The catheterization can be per-

formed in just 40 minutes with only a short recuperation in hospital. While re-stenosis (re-clogging of vessels opened up by balloon catheterization) can occur, there are efforts to produce more advanced stents — including some that could release chemicals to dissolve clots," Almogor added.

Other stents have been developed for inserted in hard-to-reach places; Y-shaped supports, for example, can be inserted using two balloon-tipped catheters simultaneously — in many cases avoiding or delaying the need for open-heart surgery.

Catheters were used during the symposium to destroy the swollen heart muscle cells of a 76-year-old man whose heart was so obstructed by swollen muscle tissue that he couldn't walk even two steps. Medicinal alcohol was injected into the tissue, killing it and allow-

**Today's science fiction could be tomorrow's applied surgical technique**

ing blood to flow toward the aorta. The man, who had suffered from symptoms of hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy for years, will no longer be confined to a wheelchair. He was the first patient in Israel to undergo the procedure, which was developed by Dr. Antonio Colombo of Milan.

Although not performed at the symposium, Shaare Zedek experts recently expanded the renal artery (leading to the kidney) of two patients who had to undergo dialysis because the reduced flow of blood to the organ was so weak their kidneys could not function.

After a balloon opened the clog (consisting of fats and fibrous tissue), a stent — larger than those used for holding open coronary arteries — was attached to a catheter and carefully inserted to prevent damage to the kidney. The patients, whose kidneys had not yet suffered irreversible damage because of the reduced blood flow, were taken off dialysis.

Heart surgeons have taken a leap from the book of other surgeons performing laparoscopies — key-hole surgery in the abdomen using optic fibers and tiny scalpels that

cut tissue by remote control. They have adapted the techniques to the heart, which in conventional open-heart surgery has had to be cooled down to stop the heartbeat. By minimizing the size of incisions in the chest, Prof. Antonio Calafore of Italy is able to perform a heart bypass operation by holding part of the heart steady instead of shutting it down temporarily and then re-starting it with an electric shock.

"A surgeon's fingers can work through an incision of no less than four centimeters," Tzivoni explained. "But robotic fingers can function through a cut only two or three centimeters long. This means less blood loss, infection and post-surgical pain and faster recovery. One day cardiothoracic surgeons will say: 'It's hard to believe, but there was a generation of doctors who didn't have robots and had to cut inside the heart themselves.'"

Bitran was in Shaare Zedek's operating room with Prof. Friedrich Mohr of Leipzig when the German surgeon repaired a defective mitral valve in the heart using voice-recognition techniques to tell a miniature robot with a camera and light source to move "right" or "left" inside the organ so he could get a better view.

Mohr is the only doctor in the world who uses robots to perform the surgery itself by remote control from six meters away from the patient.

He showed a video of this procedure to the audience but could not perform it here, as Shaare Zedek doesn't yet have the highly specialized equipment required, Bitran said.

While Bitran isn't yet worried that cardio-thoracic surgeons will be replaced by robots in the foreseeable future, he does think the two will be able to work together fruitfully.

"Robots don't get tired, don't have to take a break to go to the bathroom, don't ever develop a tremor in their hands as they age. And the video equipment allows surgeons to see three-dimensional pictures as they work."

"Robots can cut tissue with great exactitude, but Mohr's technique is still highly experimental; not all the problems have been solved," Bitran noted.

Also, it has to be proven that making the investment in training surgeons and purchasing the equipment is superior to conventional surgery and more economical.

By TERENCE MONAHAN

Some people can become habituated to anything pleasurable, but only about 15 years ago did the idea of addiction to sex become accepted.

Working as a therapist at Del Amo Hospital in Torrance, California, in the early 1980s, Patrick Carnes had many patients whose sexual behavior reminded him of alcoholism and drug dependency. Though it disrupted or ruined their lives, they just could not control it.

So he came up with a new concept, one that would jolt the said practice of sex therapy, rock mainstream psychiatry, make Carnes a leader of the burgeoning recovery movement, and splashily enter American slang. Alleged shenanigans in the White House put the idea on the front pages. He called it "sex addiction."

After popularizing the term in a self-help book, groups such as Sexaholics Anonymous and Sex Addicts Anonymous steer thousands through 12-step therapy programs, and advice books on sex addiction sell briskly. The US National Council on Sexual Addiction/Compulsivity, an 11-year-old information clearing-house that publishes a professional journal, promotes "acceptance and diagnosis of sexual addiction."

Few ideas have leapt from therapeutic circles into popular thinking so quickly. What therapists and patients appreciated was that it removed the shame and stigma from some behaviors long regarded as willful perversions. Classifying them instead as clinical conditions encouraged more people to admit the problem and seek treatment.

It was perhaps inevitable that the phrase caught on, given that a lot of people are fairly hooked on the activity to begin with. But its very

catchiness has created something of a public-relations crisis, inspiring more snickers than sympathy.

Ironically, a term invented to convey an agonizing, life-destroying compulsion connotes the opposite to laypeople, who cannot really be blamed for thinking that a sex addict — like a chocoholic or "golf addict" — suffers from nothing but a naughty and vaguely comical resistance to common sense.

In addition, some psychiatrists and social scientists say that a self-destructive behavior cannot be "addictive" the way a drug can be, no matter how often the behavior happens and how much havoc it

extramarital affairs; using a position of power to gain access to multiple partners; excessive use of prostitutes; indecent telephone calls; excessive time and money spent on pornography, Internet sex and phone sex; multiple anonymous sexual encounters; and touching others without their permission.

Carnes, who is now clinical director at the Meadows, a private recovery center in Wickenburg, Arizona, laces his books with case histories. He tells of a married woman whose many anonymous affairs led her to a stranger who brutally beat her in a motel room; a male therapist who structured his

sexual or physical abuse as a child.

Sharon Nathan, a clinical psychologist and epidemiologist specializing in sexual compulsions at the Cornell University Medical Center in New York City, said she was not aware of any "reliable" scientific data on the extent of the problem and the effectiveness of treatments.

In any event, therapists agree that people with the problem are not having fun. For them, "the sex act is more about fantasy and friction than love and intimacy," said Alvin Cooper, a Stanford University psychologist. He speaks informally of his patients' "addiction" but says he prefers the less absolute term "compulsion." In his view, the behavior ultimately reflects what he calls an "intimacy disorder." Many of his patients are highly successful professionals, he said, "who have very superficial social skills. They don't know how to relate to people on a deep level."

Treatment generally entails counseling a patient to realize the problem and its consequences; group therapy to diminish the shame; enlisting family members to help; and maintaining abstinence or control through support programs such as those pioneered for alcoholism. Some therapists also prescribe medications such as Prozac, which have been found to ease compulsions in some patients.

Dr. Jennifer Schneider, an internal medicine specialist and sex therapist in Tucson, Arizona, agreed that the addiction "treatment model has helped thousands of people whose lives were falling apart." In fact, she said, the success of the addiction approach in treating people with sexual compulsion is one of the main arguments for viewing the behavior as an addiction as powerful as the smoker's craving for nicotine. (The Los Angeles Times)

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causes. Accordingly, to apply the label of addiction to sex — an instinctual drive, after all — is to invite unending debate over where to draw the line between the pathological and the merely excessive. Nor have researchers established the basis for sex addiction in body and brain chemistry, as they have done for drug addictions.

For that reason, the American Society of Addiction Medicine, a group of health professionals that lobbies Congress on drug-dependence and alcoholism issues, staunchly refuses to recognize any compulsive behavior as an addiction.

The debate also feeds into a larger cultural soul-searching over personal responsibility. Granted, sometimes the term "sex addict" is just shorthand for people who engage in more sex than is probably good for them. According to the National Council on Sexual Addiction and Compulsion, some behaviors that "may represent an addictive disorder" are multiple

day around masturbating every few hours; and a physician who had unprotected sex with 200 partners in four months despite his knowledge that he carried the AIDS virus.

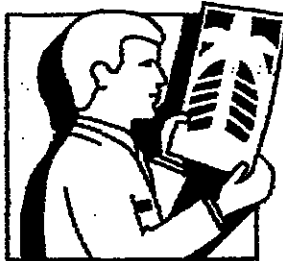
The key elements of a sex addiction, according to proponents, are a lasting preoccupation with engaging in the behavior; loss of control over it; continuation despite adverse consequences; and denial of the problem.

Carnes has defined "sexual addiction" as a "compulsive behavior that dominates the addict's life, becoming more important than family, friends and work."

In a survey of more than 1,000 sex addiction patients, Carnes found that many had another addiction or compulsion, including drug or alcohol dependency (42%), an eating disorder (38%) and compulsive working (28%) or gambling (5%). Also, more than two out of three people that he found to be afflicted with sex addiction had endured emotional,

## When a bottle isn't baby's best friend

Health Scan



By Post Health Reporter

Nursing bottle tooth decay constitutes one of the most preventable conditions in babies — and the most expensive for parents to have corrected.

The cavities are caused when parents allow children aged six months to three years to suck themselves to sleep with bottles of sweetened drinks, ordinary formula or even expressed breast milk. Experts at the pediatric dentistry department of the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dentistry report on this phenomenon in the latest issue of Israel Medical Association's Harefuah.

The journal explains that the sugars in the bottled liquid are attacked by acid-producing bacteria in the mouth that cause a demineralization of the enamel, blackening and destroying the child's upper teeth. The condition is worsened by the fact that while the baby is sleeping with the bottle, his mouth is producing little saliva, which ordinarily neutralizes and washes away the food. If caught early, the damage may be reversible.

A lesser-known reason for the decay, the authors write, is weak muscle activity in the mouth when the baby swallows. The weak muscles leave the child's front teeth uncovered by the lips but encased in a large amount of formula or other drink not removed efficiently



While she dreams sweetly, acid-producing bacteria in her mouth are attacking sugars in the formula, destroying her teeth. (Sara Uzely)

by saliva. In this case, the upper incisors are the most likely to be damaged.

Because children of this age are not routinely examined by a dentist it's difficult to know how common the phenomenon is, the journal says. An Israeli study of 214 children found a 14 percent rate of tooth decay in young children, with most of those affected in low socioeconomic groups. In Western countries, 5% of young children are esti-

mated to suffer from nursing bottle cavities except in certain ethnic groups such as Hispanic or Mexican Americans, where 21% to 29% of youngsters under the age of five were found with tooth decay.

Treatment includes rehabilitation, from bonding to crowns and extractions. Taking bottles away from children when they sleep also forces them to break the habit.

Recent research has shown fluoride coatings can halt the cavity for-

mation if caught in time, but one study found that only half the parents whose children underwent fluoride treatment returned to the clinic for a checkup and a second dose.

Prevention is the best cure: Get your baby used to drinking from a cup as soon as possible, preferably by his or her first birthday. Obviously, breast-feeding also prevents nursing bottle cavities.

The journal advises staff at family health centers (*tipat halav*) to stress prevention of tooth decay. When the first tooth appears, it should be cleaned regularly with clean gauze, and later a soft toothbrush can be used. Women with complicated pregnancies or systemic diseases should be told that their babies are more likely to suffer from nursing bottle cavities.

### DIABETES JEWELRY

Hypoglycemia is the most dangerous situation faced by diabetics. When the glucose level in the blood falls below normal levels, they can lose consciousness. About a third of all juvenile-onset (type I) diabetics go through a serious attack of hypoglycemia at least once in their lives, and a tenth experience it at least once a year. Late treatment can result in irreversible damage to the body and in brain function.

The Israel Diabetes Association has initiated the production of special hand and foot bracelets and necklaces marked SOS.

This alerts people around diabetics to the need to get them urgent medical help. Magen David Adom stations, hospital emergency rooms and intensive care units have been informed of the availability and existence of such "medical jewelry."

The jewelry can be bought from the Association, which is located at 42 Rehov Jabotinsky. Givataim 53318 (Tel. 03-573-2445).

## How big a problem is antibiotic use down on the farm?

By LAURAN NEERGAARD

People have enough reason to worry about what they eat: Now they have to worry about what chickens, cows and other animals they consume have eaten.

Antibiotics given to poultry and cattle and even sprayed on fruit orchards are creating drug-resistant bacteria that can wind up in the food people eat — very disturbing given the growing concern that antibiotics are fast losing their power.

Scientists have long suspected that farming was adding to the problem of antibiotic resistance, but now they're finding the first strong evidence: A salmonella strain impervious to five antibiotics is rampant in Britain. US scientists this month reported it has sickened thousands of Americans, too — including nearly killing a Vermont dairy farmer.

Chickens sold in Minnesota were contaminated with another germ, *Campylobacter*, resistant to a powerful antibiotic.

The US government is about to impose stiff new requirements on makers of new animal antibiotics, and the World Health Organization is calling experts to Geneva to search for other solutions.

"We're at the point right now where we have to do something," said Minnesota epidemiologist Michael Osterholm, who discovered the *Campylobacter* risk. "We know there is a problem," added Dr. Klaus Stohr of the WHO.

The question is, how big a problem is it? Some industry groups deny there's proof that antibiotics on the farm harm human health.

"We don't know if it's true or not," said Kenneth May of the National Broiler Council. Others acknowledge some risk — but insist it must be balanced with the realization that antibiotics are vital to animal health.

If farm antibiotics are restricted, what will it do to the world's food supply? wondered microbiologist Gail Cassell of Eli Lilly and Co. "My plea is that we need more data."



Fowl play? Economics may prevail at the expense of public health. (Mike Goldberg)

But the US Food and Drug Administration considers the threat serious enough to prepare stiffer rules

for new animal antibiotics, including requiring manufacturers to track treated animals for early resistance signs. "There will be pre-determined conditions determining when the drug cannot be used," said FDA veterinary chief Stephen Sundlof. The requirements "may just be too unpalatable for drug companies to accept."

Antibiotics are fast losing their power against numerous germs, particularly those spread in hospitals. Most to blame are doctors who overprescribe drugs and patients who take them improperly.

But scientists say antibiotics on the farm are helping foodborne germs mutate, too, even as the government is under pressure to approve more agricultural drugs.

Almost half the 23 million kilograms of US-produced antibiotics are used in animals — 80 percent to help animals grow faster, not treat disease — and 8,000 kilos are sprayed onto fruit trees.

Take fluoroquinolones, powerful antibiotics reserved for severely ill people until 1995, when the FDA

approved two of them for poultry. They're put into chicks' drinking water to prevent a flock-destroying disease, not to kill the *Campylobacter* also in poultry — the leading human food poisoner.

Constant fluoroquinolone exposure caused these bugs to rapidly mutate, said Osterholm.

He tested 76 chicken products sold in Minneapolis-St. Paul grocery stores last year: 79% were contaminated with *Campylobacter*, and 20% of those were fluoroquinolone-resistant.

People didn't catch this resistant *Campylobacter* before 1995, said Dr. Frederick Angulo of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

But 13 percent of human cases tested last year were fluoroquinolone-resistant, and the number is rising. Then there's the salmonella strain that almost killed a Vermont dairy farmer last summer, killed 14 of her cows and sickened eight of the farmer's relatives.

The CDC says the family caught salmonella DT104 — resistant to five pop-

ular antibiotics — by drinking unpasteurized milk and handling sick cows.

Nobody knows how the cows got sick or how DT104 spread in the US. It's been widespread in Britain for a decade, causing outbreaks from sausage and chicken. And now DT104 appears to be losing its susceptibility to fluoroquinolones in Britain, raising concern it might become untreatable, Sundlof said.

Meanwhile, Europe last year banned an antibiotic used to spur animal growth.

Avoparcin is closely related to the most carefully guarded human antibiotic, vancomycin. Since the ban, preliminary evidence suggests vancomycin-resistant germs in poultry have dropped, said WHO's Stohr. But antibiotics do promote animal growth, important for producing food, Stohr said.

"It's public health as well as an economic question. It will be up to the countries to decide what is more important."

(Associated Press)



# FINANCIAL MARKETS

## Stocks fall on Asian jitters

### Wall Street

Stocks fell sharply Friday, capping a volatile week with a 100-point loss by the Dow industrials, as investors waited to see whether Japan will say the right things at a weekend summit on the Asian fiscal crisis.

The Dow Jones industrial average surrendered an early 49-point gain and fell 100.14 to 8,712.87. It was the third big swing since Monday's 207 points to start the week and rebounded 164 points on Wednesday.

By the time the dust settled on Friday, the Dow had lost a relatively modest 122.07 for the week. Earnings expectations, particularly those at Goldman Sachs, played a prominent role in Friday's outcome.

Microsoft rose 3 1/2 to 94 11/16 to lead the Nasdaq market higher after the investment firm raised its profit forecast for the software maker. But Disney fell 4 3/8 to 107 9/16 as the Dow's biggest decliner after Goldman lowered its projections for the media company.

Most broad-market indexes also retreated toward the close despite pledges from US and Japanese leaders to intervene again in the currency markets if necessary. On Wednesday, the US Federal Reserve sold dollars for yen for the first time since 1992, helping the yen reverse its slide to an 8-year low.

The Fed's move bolstered market confidence, but may not have any lasting impact unless Japan acts more aggressively to end its recession, which threatens the global economy and hinders any effort at recovery elsewhere in Asia.



Dow Jones 8713.14%

FTSE 5748.11%

Nikkei 15267.98% 0.61%

G. Crane, chief market strategist at Key Asset Management.

Asian markets pulled back Friday after rallying sharply on Thursday. Tokyo's Nikkei stock average fell 0.6 percent, while share prices fell 4.8% in the Philippines, 3.8% in South Korea, 3.7% in Thailand, and 3.3% in Indonesia.

Declining issues outnumbered advances by a 3-to-2 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled 826 million shares, up from 713.74 million on Thursday. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 5.72 to 1,100.65, but the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index rose 8.59 to 1,781.29.

The NYSE composite index fell 3.57 to 563.92, and the American Stock Exchange composite index rose 2.63 to 693.97. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 1.27 to 438.47. In Europe, Frankfurt's DAX index fell 0.3% and London's FT-SE 100 fell 1.1%.

### Asia

Most Asian stock markets fell Friday amid skepticism over whether the durability of the Japanese yen's recent dramatic gains against the US dollar and pessimism about Japan's economic prospects.

Philippine stocks led the decline, sending a key indicator down 4.8 percent. Stock market benchmarks fell 3.8% in South Korea, 3.7% in Thailand, and 3.3% in Indonesia. The Japanese market posted a more modest drop. Hong Kong's market broke the pattern with a 0.9% rise in its best-known market.

The US and Japan intervened heavily in the currency market on Wednesday, selling dollars in an effort to stop the slide of the yen. But the yen's momentum slowed Friday. In late afternoon, the dollar bought 134.97 yen in Tokyo, down 1.91 yen from late Thursday.

Investors were also watching US Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers' meetings with Japanese officials for clues to whether Japan will undertake tougher reforms to heal its ailing economy. Bank of Japan Gov. Masaru Hayami told Summers on Friday that writing off bad debts held by Japanese banks is vital to revitalizing Japan's sagging economy.

Finance officials from other Asian nations are also in Tokyo for weekend meetings to discuss ways of stabilizing local currencies and economies in the region.

The 30-share Philippine Stock Exchange index fell 86.88 points to close at 1,741.71. In currency trading, the dollar averaged 40.98 pesos for the day, up 1.2% from Thursday's 40.425 pesos.

South Korean shares also closed sharply lower, with the Seoul Stock Exchange's Composite Stock Price Index falling 122.23 points to 313.26. Thai shares closed lower, but off the day's low after investors scooped up bargains in finance stocks in late afternoon, dealers said. The Stock Exchange of Thailand index slumped 10.83 points to close at 284.32.

On the Tokyo Stock Exchange, the 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average fell 93.56 points, or 0.61%, closing the week at 15,267.98 points. But share prices closed higher for a fourth consecutive session in Hong Kong as the Hang Seng Index rose 75.94 points to 8,591.91.

### Europe

Share prices fell Friday on the London Stock Exchange. The Financial Times Stock Exchange 100-share index was down 64.0 points, or 1.12 percent, at 5,748.11 points.

Volume was 833.0 million shares compared with 877.0 million Thursday.

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# Sampras, Hingis favored to win Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON (AP) — He tends to hang his head, and lately with good reason. In the battle against burnout, Pete Sampras is losing. When Wimbledon begins tomorrow, the four-time champion must try to shake a lengthy slump. He has failed to reach the semifinals in the past three Grand Slams and briefly lost the No. 1 ranking to Marcelo Rios before regaining it.

At 26, Sampras admits he lacks motivation and needs a vacation. He watches 35-year-old Michael Jordan hold yet another championship trophy, and like the rest of the world, Sampras marvels. "That's one person whose advice I'd love to get," he said. "I'm trying to get it set up to play golf with him and pick his brain for a little bit and see how he has stayed motivated through the years."

Sampras's first-round opponent will be Dominik Hrabaty, a Slovakian ranked 47th with little experience on grass.

Burnout isn't an issue for 17-year-old Martina Hingis, an 8-11 favorite to repeat as the women's

champion. The top-ranked Hingis caught a break because three teen-age rivals — Venus Williams, Serena Williams and Anna Kournikova — are grouped together in another part of the draw. At least two of them will be eliminated before the quarterfinals.

In the other half of the bracket, two veterans staging comebacks hope to reach the final. Injury-plagued seven-time champion Steffi Graf plans to play her first Grand Slam in more than a year, while Monica Seles seeks an encore to her surprising second-place showing at the French Open.

The men's field, by contrast, suffers from a dearth of depth. Boris Becker is absent, Rios hates grass and Agassi last won a Wimbledon match three years ago.

The '96 champ, Richard Krajicek, is the only player to beat Sampras at Wimbledon in the past five years and poses the biggest threat. But Sampras has recently shown himself capable of losing to anyone, including: Karol Kucera, Wayne Ferreira, Fabrice Santoro, Ramon Delgado and Mark Woodforde.

# Stewart maintains US Open lead

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Payne Stewart said it was bordering on the ridiculous. Lee Janzen said it was simply the US Golf Open.

Not surprisingly, they were talking about the same thing. The same course that allowed Stewart to get to 7-under-par early in the second round Friday at the Olympic Club also aggravated him to no end on the 18th green with three putts — the first from 8 feet, the second from 25.

The same course that gave Janzen a chance at breaking the US Open scoring record also snatched it away — not to mention the lead — on the 17th hole, which he calls the toughest he has ever played.

Stewart had to settle for a 1-over 71 for 137, giving him one stroke lead over Jeff Maggert and Bob Tway. All he wanted was a little more equitable treatment on the

final hole of a typically tough day in the US Open. Janzen shot 66 despite the double bogey on No. 17 and was at 1-under 139, along with Lee Porter and amateur sensation Matt Kuchar. The USGA has long said it doesn't want to embarrass the best players in the world, only identify them.

On Friday, it infuriated some of them. Stewart, who finished his first-round 66 with three birdies, started the second round with three more. He was still getting around Olympic in good shape at 5-under with two holes to play until he came to the 17th. A bogey at No. 17 from the matted, 5-inch rough around the green didn't bother him, especially since his wedge into the 18th green stopped 8 feet from the hole.

On Thursday, the USGA considered the back left pin placement —

on a green that slopes severely to the front — to be too severe. So they added more water and changed the way they mowed the green. It didn't work. Stewart's putt curled below the hole and then began an excruciating journey down the slope to what turned out to be a collection area 25 feet below the hole.

At 3-under, Stewart invited a bunch of big names back into contention. Nick Price, who could win the third leg of the grand slam by winning the US Open, was at 1-over 141. Perennial US Open bridesmaid Tom Lehman and David Duval were among those at 143, and Phil Mickelson and Colin Montgomerie were at 144.

Defending champion Ernie Els isn't out of it yet, either. He made eagle from the 10th fairway in a round of 70 and was at 145. Tiger

Woods was on the verge of missing the cut for the first time in a major since turning pro when he four-putted to fall to 8-over.

Woods played the last 12 holes in 2-under for a 72, putting him at 146. Tom Watson, the runner-up at Olympic in the 1987 US Open, missed the cut with a bogey on the 18th from the bunker. Watson shot 75, hitting only one green on the back nine — and he three-putted that one. Joining him with the weekend off are Nick Faldo and Davis Love III. Jack Nicklaus, who tied for sixth at the Masters at age 58, made the cut by curling in a 30-foot birdie on the 18th.

Janzen, who beat Stewart in the US Open title in 1993, had seven birdies and a bogey on the first 16 holes and caught Stewart at 3-under.

# England at 110 all out

LONDON (Reuters) — South African strike bowler Allan Donald took five for 32 yesterday to reduce England to a feeble 110 all out in their first innings on the third day of the second Test.

England, who started the day at a precarious 40 for three in reply to South Africa's 360, could not come to terms either with Donald or his opening partner Shaun Pollock, who captured three for 42.

Hanse Cronje had no hesitation in asking the home side to follow on and Steve James completed a miserable Test debut by falling to a catch in the slips off Pollock for a duck.

Michael Atherton, who scored a century in the drawn first Test, was lucky to have found a worthy partner in Nasser Hussain and the pair took the total to 102 before the former England skipper was caught off Paul Adams for 44.

At the close Hussain was still at the crease on 52 with England 105 for two.

England v South Africa  
2nd Test scorecard  
Scoreboard on the third day of the second Test between England and South Africa at Lord's yesterday.  
South Africa first innings: 360 (LRhodes 117, JCronje 81, DCork 6-119)  
England first innings: 110 (S.James 0, Atherton 0, Kirsten 0, N.Hussain 0, Boucher 0, Donald 0, D.Hendry 0, Boucher 0, Donald 0, G.Thorpe 0, Boucher 0, Kallis 0, M.Ramprakash 0, Boucher 0, Donald 0)  
England second innings: 44 (M.Atherton 0, Kallis 0, Adam 0, N.Hussain 0, Boucher 0, Donald 0, D.Hendry 0, Boucher 0, Donald 0, G.Thorpe 0, Boucher 0, Kallis 0, M.Ramprakash 0, Boucher 0, Donald 0)  
South Africa second innings: 105 (LRhodes 117, JCronje 81, DCork 6-119)  
England third innings: 0 (S.James 0, Atherton 0, Kirsten 0, N.Hussain 0, Boucher 0, Donald 0, D.Hendry 0, Boucher 0, Donald 0, G.Thorpe 0, Boucher 0, Kallis 0, M.Ramprakash 0, Boucher 0, Donald 0)  
South Africa third innings: 0 (LRhodes 117, JCronje 81, DCork 6-119)

# Palmeiro's 15th-inning HR sparks O's past Jays

BALTIMORE (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro hit a three-run homer with two outs in the bottom of the 15th to end the 5-hour, 49-minute game and give the Orioles a 7-4 win over the Toronto Blue Jays on Saturday.

Indians 7, Yankees 4  
On a night when the Indians honored their 1948 World Series champions, it seemed appropriate they were led by an old-fashioned player.

Jim Thome, a gritty, hard-nosed first baseman who wears his socks up high like the old-timers did, homered twice as Cleveland beat the Yankees.

Mariners 9, Athletics 1  
David Segui hit a grand slam and Ken Griffey Jr. hit his AL-leading 28th homer as host Seattle snapped a five-game losing streak.

Alex Rodriguez added his 25th homer and Randy Johnson (6-6) ended a three-game losing streak.

Rangers 7, Angels 3  
Juan Gonzalez homered and

drove in five runs to increase his major league-leading RBI total to 86. Gonzalez took over the RBI lead from Mark McGwire, who has 82, as visiting Texas ended Anaheim's four-game winning streak.

Royals 8, Tigers 4  
Jeff King's two-run homer carried a four-run first inning that carried visiting Kansas City.

Red Sox 4, Devil Rays 1  
Nomar Garciaparra hit two solo homers and Jason Varitek added another as visiting Boston won its fourth straight.

Twins 10, White Sox 6  
Marty Cordova homered in his second consecutive game and Matt Lawton had a three-run shot and four RBIs for visiting Minnesota.

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
Expos 14, Braves 1  
Chris Widger homered twice and drove in four runs as Montreal beat nine-game winner Kevin Millwood and first-place Atlanta

4-1 at Olympic Stadium.  
Padres 9, Giants 5  
Visiting San Diego matched the longest winning streak in the club's 30-year history with its 11th straight.

Phillies 9, Cubs 8  
Mike Lieberthal hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the 12th off Terry Mulholland (2-2) as Philadelphia won on the road.

Marlins 3, Mets 2  
Rick Reed took a perfect game into the seventh for the second straight start at home before Florida got four straight hits, including Cliff Floyd's three-run homer.

Brewers 2, Pirates 1  
Steve Woodard (4-5) pitched 75 strong innings to get his first home victory in 10 starts this season.

Astros 4, Reds 2  
Carl Everett homered and drove in two runs, and Sean Bergman (6-3) survived a shaky start as host Houston handed Cincinnati its sixth straight loss.

Cardinals 5, Diamondbacks 3

Brian Jordan went 3-for-4 with a homer and three RBIs, and Mark Pekovsek (5-3) pitched seven shutout innings for host St. Louis.

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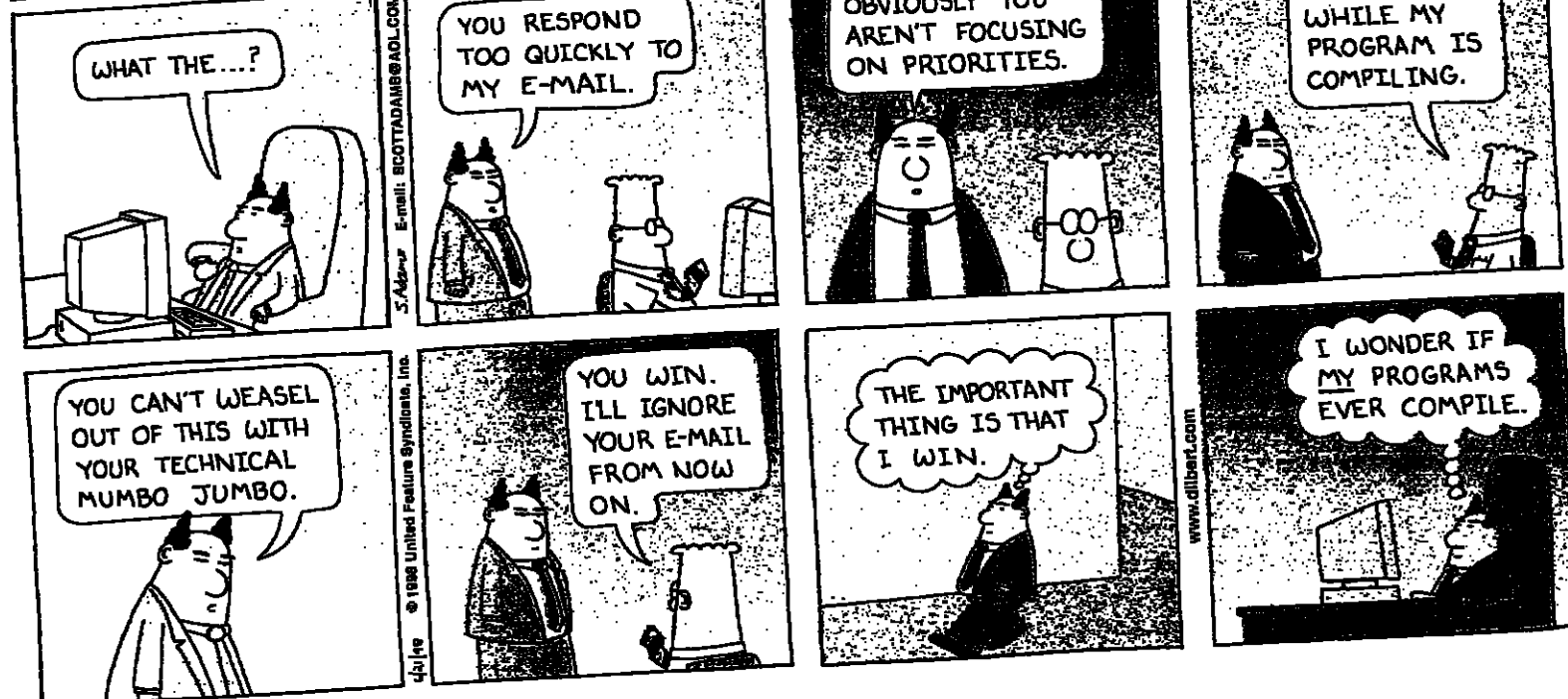
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Wesley Snipes is a wanted man in 'U.S. Marshals.'

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27 Invalid (4)

DOWN  
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3 St Paul's birthplace (6)  
4 Salver (4)  
5 Vigour (6)  
6 Holy day (7)  
7 Replace with another (10)  
10 Achieve (10)  
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## Sampras fights burnout

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## Alon Mizrahi to West Ham

Maccabi Haifa and International striker Alon Mizrahi has agreed to a one-year loan spell with Premiership side West Ham yesterday.

If he makes the team, he will revive his partnership with former Maccabi Haifa ace Eyal Berkovic. He is expected to fly to London sometime this week to complete the transfer. *Ofer Ronen-Abels*

## Wells fans 9 in Yankees' win

CLEVELAND (AP) — David Wells struck out nine in eight strong innings, and Scott Brosius homered for the second straight game as the New York Yankees beat the Cleveland Indians 5-3 yesterday.

The Yankees have taken three of four from Cleveland in the past week. New York improved to a major league-leading 50-17 and

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can punctuate an early season statement to the Indians with a win today.

The Yankees are 17-6 at Jacobs Field, the house of the Bronx Bombers built. The AL Central-leading Indians have lost seven of nine.

Wells (9-2) allowed eight hits, didn't walk a batter and struck out David Justice and Geronimo Berroa three times apiece.

In the National League, the Astros beat the Reds 9-8.



**FRANCE 98**

**TODAY AT THE WORLD CUP**

Group F  
Germany-Yugoslavia  
Lens 15:30 (Channel One)

Group H  
Argentina-Jamaica Paris 18:30  
(Channel One, Eurosport)

Group F  
USA-Iran Lyons 22:00 (One, Eurosport)

**FRIDAY'S RESULTS**

Group D  
Nigeria 1, Bulgaria 0;  
Spain 0, Paraguay 0.

**YESTERDAY**

Group H  
Croatia 1, Japan 0

Group E  
Mexico 2, Belgium 2  
Holland 5, South Korea 0

BORDEAUX (AP) — In a game that turned on a red-card penalty kick, Mexico rallied from two goals behind in the second half to tie 2-2 with Belgium yesterday.

In other Group E action, Holland crushed South Korea 5-0; and in Group H, Croatia edged Japan 1-0.

Trailing after Marc Wilmots connected twice with a man advantage, Mexico got the break it needed when Belgian substitute Gert Verheyen brought down Ramon Ramirez in front of the net. Not only was Verheyen ejected, but Alberto Garcia Aspe converted the penalty kick in the 56th minute.

With both teams fielding 10 players, Ramirez and Cuauhtemoc Blanco teamed for Mexico's tying goal in the 63rd, with Blanco brilliantly putting in Ramirez's left-wing cross with a flying left-footed volley.

The two red cards — the other was to Mexican defender Pavel Pardo in the 29th minute — ran the total to seven expulsions in six World Cup games since new FIFA president Sepp Blatter complained referees weren't being strict enough.

Belgium, with the manpower



HEAD-TO-HEAD — Mexico's Luis Hernandez (l) and Gordan Vidovic of Belgium fight for the ball yesterday.

edge, seemed in control after Wilmots scored twice in five minutes, one by standing still and another by running a slalom course. On the first, in the 43rd minute, Wilmots put his body in front of Luis Oliveira's corner kick, letting it bank off his chest and left thigh through the legs of goalkeeper Jorge Campos.

Wilmots' second, a fine individual effort, came three minutes after halftime. He beat Duilio Davino to the right, then literally pushed away Claudio Suarez to the left.

Holland 5, South Korea 0  
The Netherlands powered to the

top of their group with a one-sided beating of South Korea to put the Koreans out of the championship.

Phillip Cocu and Mark Overmars fired the Netherlands into a 2-0 halftime lead before Dennis Bergkamp, Pierre van Hooydonk and Ronald de Boer added three more in the last 18 minutes as Guus Hiddink's team posted the biggest score of this World Cup.

Now the Dutch need only a tie with Mexico on Thursday to gain a place in the last 16 while the Koreans, who co-host the 2002 World Cup with Japan, became the second team to go out along with

Saudi Arabia. They still haven't won a game in five appearances.

With the Dutch in command, Edgar Davids then had a 25-meter shot tipped over the top by Kim.

Korea's Choi Yong-soo was shown the yellow card for taking too long to take a 40-meter free kick in the 27th minute and the long-range shot slid harmlessly wide.

Davids rescued the Dutch defense when Seo Jung-wan neatly turned Aron Winter on the halfway line and raced for goal. The Juventus midfielder dashed back to tackle the Korean forward before he could shoot.

Croatia 1, Japan 0

Perseverance, not skill, was more valuable to Davor Suker on this day. Denied repeatedly by off-target shots and wasted opportunities, the Croatian striker finally came through in the blazing mid-afternoon heat 13 minutes from time.

His second goal at the World Cup put Croatia on the verge of the second round with a 1-0 victory in Nantes. With playmaker Zvonimir Boban benched because of a pulled leg muscle, the favored Croatians struggled mightily to impose their trademark midfield passing game.

The Japanese disrupted it with a tactical mix of speed, grit and dogged marking. "The first half the quality of our game, and Japan was tougher than we expected," said veteran midfielder Robert Prosinecki.

**GROUP E**

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Netherlands	1	0	1	5	0	4
Mexico	1	0	1	5	3	4
Belgium	0	0	2	2	2	2
South Korea	0	2	0	1	5	0

**GROUP H**

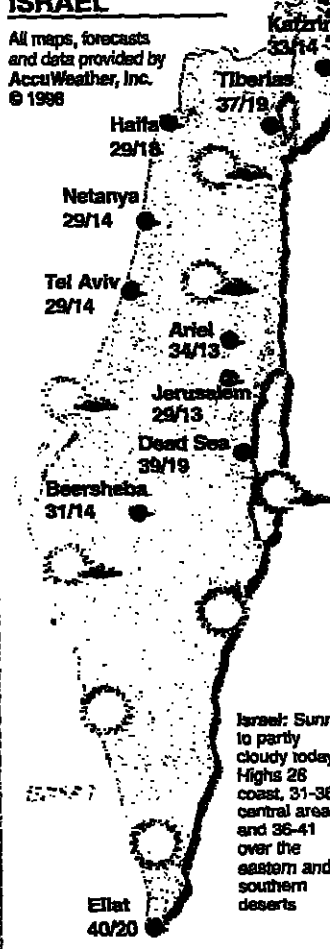
	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Croatia	2	0	0	4	1	6
Argentina	1	0	1	3	1	3
Jamaica	0	1	1	1	3	1
Japan	0	2	0	0	3	0

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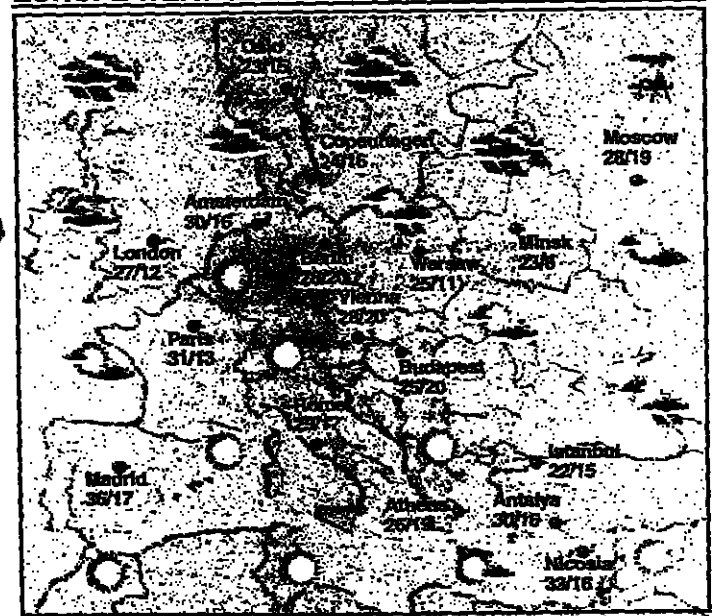
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## THE WEATHER

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## EUROPE WEATHER TODAY



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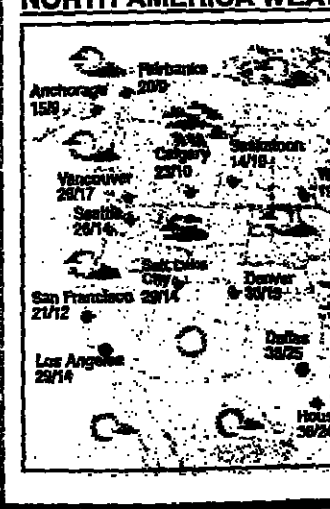
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Dead Sea	29/12	29/12	31/12	34/12
Eilat	40/104	40/104	41/104	41/105
Haifa	20/64	20/64	21/64	23/64
Jerusalem	20/64	20/64	21/64	23/64
Katzen	30/91	30/91	31/91	34/91
Nahariya	20/64	20/64	21/64	23/64
Tel Aviv	20/64	20/64	21/64	23/64
Tharbia	37/50	37/50	38/50	41/50

Weather (W): sunny, partly cloudy, cloudy, showers, thunderstorms, rain, snow, hail, snow, fog.

**INTERNATIONAL CITIES**

City	Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Amsterdam	50/60	50/60	51/60	52/60
Berlin	50/60	50/60	51/60	52/60
Buenos Aires	31/80	31/80	32/80	35/80
Calcutta	30/80	30/80	31/80	34/80
Chicago	30/80	30/80	31/80	34/80
Frankfurt	30/80	30/80	31/80	34/80
Hong Kong	30/80	30/80	31/80	34/80
London	20/64	20/64	21/64	23/64
Los Angeles	20/64	20/64	21/64	23/64
Madrid	30/91	30/91	31/91	34/91
Moscow	20/64	20/64	21/64	23/64
Mumbai	30/80	30/80	31/80	34/80
New York	30/80	30/80	31/80	34/80
Paris	30/80	30/80	31/80	34/80
Rome	30/80	30/80	31/80	34/80
Sydney	30/80	30/80	31/80	34/80
Tokyo	30/80	30/80	31/80	34/80
Toronto	30/80	30/80	31/80	34/80
Warsaw	30/80	30/80	31/80	34/80
Washington	30/80	30/80	31/80	34/80
Zurich	30/80	30/80	31/80	34/80

## NORTH AMERICA WEATHER TODAY



Friday's games: Nigeria 1, Bulgaria 0; Spain 0, Paraguay 0

## Nigeria's 'Super Eagles' advance after 2nd-straight win

PARIS (AP) — What Cameroon promised, Nigeria seem intent on delivering. The Super Eagles recorded their second straight victory and confidently moved into the second round of the World Cup on Friday, giving more credence to Africa's rise in world soccer. "For people who like the spectacular, we make it spectacular," Nigeria coach Bora Milutinovic said following the Africans' 1-0 victory over Bulgaria in Parc des Princes.

With Spain and Paraguay playing to a comparatively dull 0-0 draw, Nigeria clinched the Group D title and will advance to the second round as one of the top eight teams at France '98.

Eight years ago in Italy, Cameroon's "Indomitable Lions" advanced all the way to the quarterfinals, shocking the world before being beaten by England in extra time. It was a wakeup call that alerted the globe to the emergence of African soccer. FIFA increased Africa's slot to three for 1994 and added two more for

France. With seasoning of their players in European pro leagues, Nigeria won the Olympic gold medal in Atlanta two years ago and now seem to have aimed its target higher.

Combined with a 3-2 victory over Spain, Nigeria joined Brazil and France as the third nation to guarantee their spot in the round of 16. They shared with the defending champion the honor of winning its group with a game left to play.

Coach Carlos Alberto Parreira was fired after Saudi Arabia's dismal performance against France on Thursday. The official Saudi Press Agency reported that the Saudi federation, headed by Prince Faisal bin Fahd, Saudi King Fahd's son, discussed the performance of the national team and its early exit, then sacked Parreira, who led his native Brazil to its fourth title four years ago.

World Cup organizers went on the offensive Friday, questioning the validity of an American travel company's claim it was robbed of

15,000 tickets and cash from its Paris office this week. The organizers asked Prime Sports International to provide documentation for the tickets it claimed it sold, pointing out that while PSI listed an undetermined number of tickets for Thursday night's France-Saudi Arabia match among those stolen, those seats Stade de France were "duly occupied by spectators," an organizing committee spokesman said.

Nigeria 1, Bulgaria 0  
"We attack because that is the style that fits Nigeria best. Bora has come to understand this," said Victor Ikpeba, whose 27th-minute goal provided the victory over Bulgaria.

Ikpeba completed a three-man combination. The goal capitalized on Nigeria's near-relentless pressure in the first half, despite 86F-degree heat.

The second half was more Bulgaria's as Nigeria seemed content to defend and absorb the more deliberate Europeans' pace. But

even the suspect Nigerian defense looked more solid than usual, making Bulgaria work extra hard for the meager chances it produced. "Bulgaria played a frustrating, irritating game," Nigerian midfielder Sunday Oshin said. "We were running; they were waiting."

Spain 0, Paraguay 0  
If Bulgaria were irritating, Spain and Paraguay were just plain boring. In Saint-Etienne, few chances resulted in the second 0-0 tie for Paraguay and pushed group favorite Spain to the brink of elimination.

"It still depends on us," Spanish coach Javier Clemente said. "Wednesday will be like the final. But if we beat Bulgaria and Nigeria do what they did to us against Paraguay, we can still make it."

**GROUP D**

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Nigeria	2	0	0	4	2	6
Spain	0	0	2	0	0	2
Bulgaria	0	1	1	1	3	1
Paraguay	0	1	1	0	1	1

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## Pride and politics face off as Iran-US clash today

LYON (AP) — Politics and soccer. Patriotism and pride. For months, American soccer players have been questioned about the huge and perhaps historic implications of today's World Cup game against Iran. It took Alexi Lalas' sarcastic wit to put it all in perspective. "This is a game that will determine the future of our planet," he said yesterday, "and possibly the most important single sporting event that's ever been played in the history of the world. So we're dealing with that." Lalas then cut out the deadpan and resumed his normal tone of voice. "It's just a soccer game," he said. "There's a lot of crap around here."

Today's game has huge ramifications for both teams. With a win, Iran would set off wild demonstrations back home, where Islamic clerics routinely denounce the US as "The Great Satan" and whip crowds into frenzied chants of "Death to America!"

An Iranian win would clearly mean the death of the US's hopes to advance to the second round. Only a combination of crazy results combined with a win over Yugoslavia could then avoid first-round elimination. But an American win, especially following the embar-

assing 2-0 loss to Germany in the dull opener, would give the US a chance to avoid going home this week and maybe wipe out the view that this team is one giant yawn.

Even the White House is talking about the game, with President Clinton and Secretary of State Madeline Albright using the occasion to discuss the possible resumption of diplomatic relations with Iran, cut off since the 1979-81 hostage crisis. Just last month, the State Department called Iran the world's "most active" sponsor of terrorism, so it's clear both nations have raw nerves.

Iran's delegation went busy last week when a French television station broadcast "Not Without My Daughter," a 1991 film based on the true story of an American woman who escaped Iran with her daughter against the wishes of her Iranian husband. The Iranians claimed the broadcast was a purposeful insult. "It is imperative that we win against the USA," Iran forward Khodadad Azizi said. "For historical reasons, our country is a lot more sensitive to this meeting. Iran has been disappointed by Americans politics in recent years. This is the most important match of my life."

Because of the emotions, French organizers have increased security and FIFA has banned banners from the stadium. With all that going on, US players kept trying to play down the implications of the politics. To them, a win is necessary merely to validate they're better than the post-college all-star team that got swept at the 1990 tournament.

"We're trying to keep the politics out of it completely," US coach Steve Sampson said after yesterday's practice at Stade Gerland. "But it is hard to ignore the fact that there is so much emphasis being put on this game."

Iran's players also were saying all the right things. "I think that the media coverage is making this a sensitive fixture," goalkeeper Nima Nakisa said. "The most important thing is to have a friendly spirit on the pitch."

That might be hard. The US team has promised to come out hitting hard and Iran had 30 fouls in its opening 1-0 loss to Yugoslavia. "I think they're bringing an emotional wave at the beginning of the game," American goalkeeper Casey Keller said. "We have to handle that wave and worry about playing our game."